

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Tax Collecting

A NEW financial year for the Colony is fast approaching and with it, in the public's mind, goes the perennial question, does it mean more taxation?

Almost every year since the war the Financial Secretary has injected into his Budget speech a solemn warning that if public works, undertakings, education, social services and medical and health facilities are to be maintained at the level demanded by the community, the possibility of increased taxation cannot be ruled out. And doubtless the annual reminder will be delivered again next month.

But, in fact, the Colony's financial position remains outstandingly buoyant, despite trade restrictions and unexpected demands on the Treasury caused by disastrous squatter fires and unbudgeted-for relief and welfare services. We see no obvious reason why there should be any new direct taxation burdens introduced in the forthcoming financial year.

THERE is, nevertheless, one aspect of direct taxation which might be worth contemplation both by taxpayers and Government. It concerns the system of payment.

The pay-as-you-earn method of tax collection has never been seriously considered in Hongkong, although it was advocated editorially when taxation on earnings was reintroduced shortly after the war. It is a system, with slight variations, which has been adopted in many countries, and has proved successful both as a form of convenience for taxpayers and as an easy way of collecting revenue.

It is probable the principal objection in Hongkong to pay-as-you-earn would be that it involves a compulsory system of weekly or monthly deductions from pay envelopes, and that those liable for salaries tax would have to wait a full year for remissions on personal and family allowances, insurance premiums, etc. This, in a great number of cases, could involve month to month financial hardship. The popularity of a PAYE system on standard lines, therefore, would be questionable.

AN alternative suggests itself. The offer by Government for taxpayers to purchase, voluntarily, coupons during any part of the financial year which would be registered as contributions towards a currently assessed salaries tax.

Encouragement for taxpayers to embrace this offer could be given by making the coupons reasonable in denomination, such as five or ten dollars, and even greater encouragement would be derived if the coupons were interest-bearing.

Government would have a continuous and ready source of revenue, and the interest thereby saved from avoiding extending credit to taxpayers, could, at least in some measure, be returned to a public willing to take advantage of the scheme.

Many whose earnings fall within the middle and moderately high brackets take advantage of the present "easy payments" concession which extends over three months, but even this can become a serious burden every year if no special provision has been made in the personal budget.

An interest-bearing voucher system would almost certainly win a wide public response, and it would appear at first sight to be quite as practicable as it is attractive.

# NO COMMITMENTS BY EDEN Formosa Talks With Dulles At Bangkok

London, Feb. 21.

Sir Anthony Eden is carrying to Bangkok, Cabinet instructions ruling out any British commitment to the United States on defence of the Chinese off-shore islands, it was learned today.

In Bangkok, where he is due tomorrow for the SEATO conference, Sir Anthony will seek immediate talks with the United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, on the crucial Formosan problem.

The British Foreign Secretary is to underline the British decision to keep out of any fighting for the Quemoy and Matsu islands, the sources said.

The British Foreign Office today maintained a strict reserve on the delicate issue of any possible American entanglement over Formosa and of Britain's role in such an event.

It firmly declined to comment on Washington reports of a formal British demarche to the United States that Britain would not assist America if she were involved in fighting around the off-shore islands. But officials emphasised that the United States Government was "well aware" of the state of British public and Parliamentary opinion on the question of Quemoy and Matsu.

They also recalled the Government statements in recent weeks that Britain had no commitment

towards the United States even for the defence of Formosa except through her membership in the United Nations.

BRITISH VIEW

Sir Anthony is expected to reiterate to Mr Dulles that in the British view the off-shore islands should be abandoned by the Chinese Nationalists.

He also carried along a brief from the Cabinet ruling out any British commitment to fight for Formosa. Only by pulling 100 miles of salt water between the Peking-controlled mainland and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Formosan domain could there be hope, in the British view, for a respite in the Formosan Straits and for a possible subsequent broader arrangement.

Sir Anthony is aware of America's important considerations for the morale and prestige of the Chinese Nationalists in Taipei, which have already suffered a severe setback due to the recent evacuation of the Tachen islands. But he was expected to search for some formula with Mr Dulles which would avert a head-on clash between the Reds and the United States 7th Fleet and air forces.

CENTRE SHIFTS

Officials said today that the centre of the Formosan campaign talks has now shifted to Bangkok where the two Foreign Secretaries will consider the next steps.

No news has come as yet from Moscow, despite Britain's request some 10 days ago for the Kremlin's views on the British demand that in any international ceasefire meeting the Nationalist Chinese authorities would have to be represented.

Moscow last week had given indication to British and Indian officials that they might consider Generalissimo Chiang's representation in some form at the proposed 10-Power conference.

But rumblings from Peking in the past few days have given rise to new pessimism over the Communist Chinese attitude. The indications are interpreted as a further stiffening of the Peking regime on the entire Formosan question. — United Press.

## STOP PRESS

### Keen Cricket

Sydney, Feb. 22. The MCC-NBW match was left in an extremely interesting position at tea when the MCC were 22 for 5, 95 runs short of victory with five wickets standing.

The Hunter-May partnership was 50 for 1, with May bowled by Miller for 4.

Then Hunter was caught by Simpson off Miller for 29, after adding 44 runs to the MCC total with the driver.

At the afternoon tea Sydney was 23 not out for 5, 115 runs short of victory.

# TWO AUSSIES & A BULLDOZER GET TO WORK

SPECTACULAR SITE PREPARATION FOR NEW BANK FLATS

By William Smyly

Residents of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation flats in College Road, Kowloon, are beginning to look sadly out of windows on the top five floors at their splendid views over Kowloon Bay. Soon, it is hoped in Hongkong, the view will be even more magnificent. But the flats will no longer be there to look out on it.

The view which they will not be able to see will be the new \$96½ million extension of Kai Tak Airport.

Out of three blocks of flats comprising 30 floors, only 8 floors will be left standing when the alterations are completed to make room for aircraft passing overhead on their new approach run.

People living in the bottom eight floors which will remain will not be disturbed — except by the roar of aircraft passing overhead.

One of the first concerns to start work on this project is one of Hongkong's smallest companies — two young Australians, a driver, and a bulldozer.

In place of the block which is being cut in half, and supplementing it, Hongkong Government are levelling commanding hill-top sites above Kowloon Tong for the extension of three identical ten-story blocks. The new buildings will have a wide drive sweeping up from Waterloo Road, open fully country behind for children to explore and play in, and wide lawns in front, laid on an area that is now about 80 feet up in the air.

Around a million cubic yards of hilltop is being pitched into a deep ravine. When the rough hill tops are flattened and the ravine is full, the laws will be laid.

## HILLSIDE OPERATION

And at the moment the thing doing most of the pitching is the Australians' bulldozer. Higher up the hill, pick and shovel men are camping on the site, and picnic there, and encourage the hillside to slip down into the valley with as much speed as possible. But it would take 300 of them to keep up with the bulldozer.

The men behind the bulldozer, Dan Beard and Leo Callaghan, are like two characters who have stepped out of a rather far-fetched yarn by Mr Nevil Shute.

Dan ended the war by stepping out of the RAAF into a charter plane which he piloted till there was enough money to get one of his own. Leo, a well paid maintenance engineer and supervisor working with an Eastern airline, joined him in the venture. The two of them, their DC3, an office and office boy to keep it tidy, became "Air Asia".

Then the bottom dropped out of charter work and contract flights from Kai Tak to Frankfurt, Northolt, and Paris became affairs that cropped up once or twice a week.

While things were slack, the company bought up some worn out earth-moving equipment at what Dan reckoned was "scrap-price".

price", and Leo kept himself employed getting it back into shape.

The thing that finally finished the charter company was when Dr. Moosaogah cancelled a contract to carry 3,000 Persian pilgrims to the Hajj. Dan said



The bulldozer at work on the site for the new flats. — Staff Photographer.

rather bitterly: "He cancelled the contract because of something to do with plague. Then the Americans came in and took them all free."

## A 7-DAY WEEK

As planes were still fetching top prices then, Dan and Leo sold off the old DC3 to the new Kermanshah Airways, and they started life as an earth-shifting company. They work seven days a week.

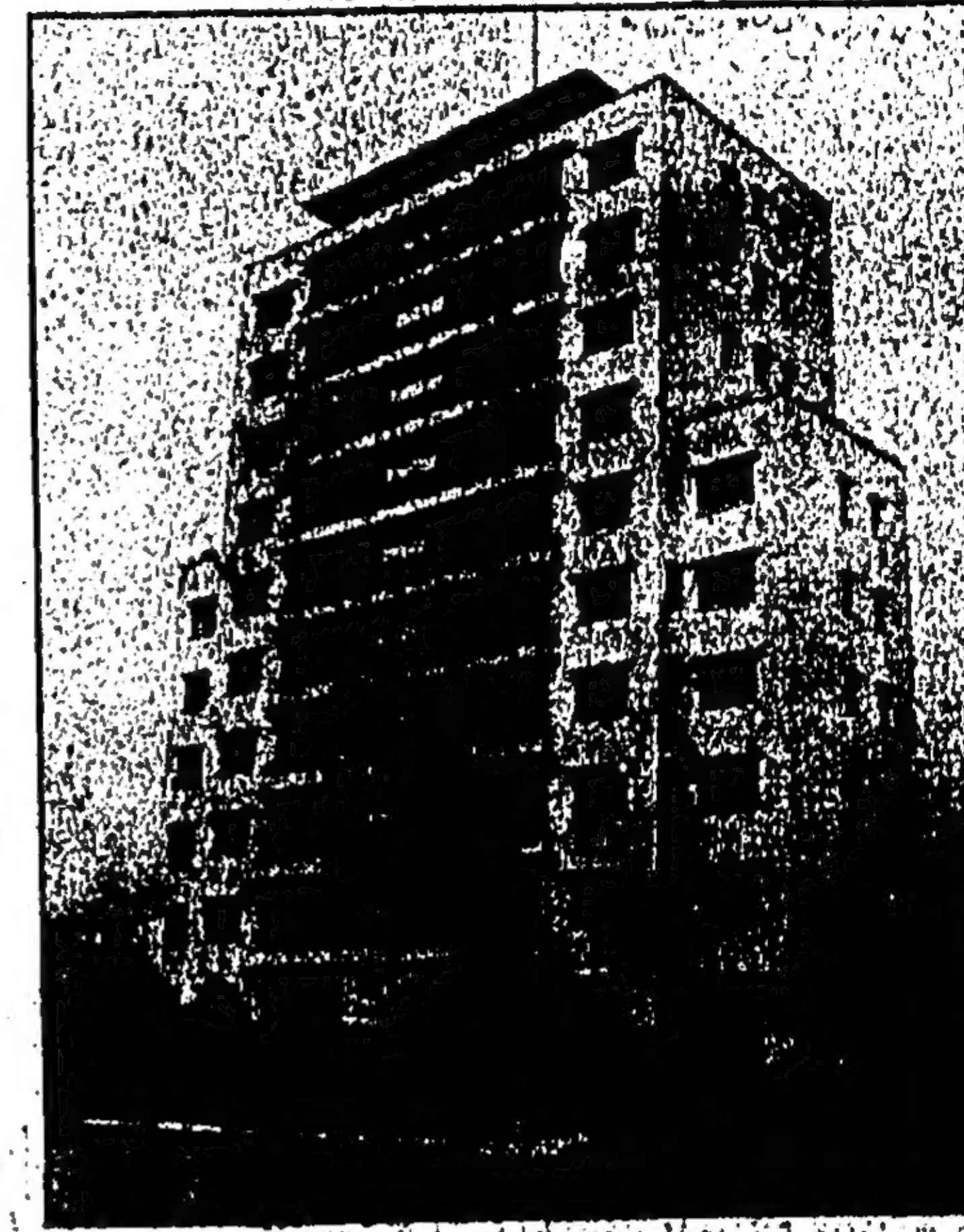
Their Chinese driver, Chan Pok-hoi, for whom they both have high praise, works an eight-hour day — and does an extra run or two after Leo wakes up at the end of it.

Then Leo gets to work for his maintenance shift.

Dan still has a light plane for private charter work, but will probably sell that too. If the bulldozer, grader, roller, and carry-all earn their keep, they will be able to keep the bulldozer is being used for this contract.



Entrance to one of the new bank flats, which will be constructed on the hillside above Kowloon Tong. — Staff Photographer.



Some of the present Hongkong Bank staff flats in College Road, a substantial part of which are to be demolished. — Staff Photographer.

# Socialists Repudiate M. Faure

Paris, Feb. 21.

The Socialists tonight decided not to support, M. Edgar Faure in his efforts to form a new government and end France's 16-day political crisis.

The Socialists, largest single party in the National Assembly, said they would neither participate in a Faure Government nor support it.

Faure will decide whether to pursue his efforts after the meeting of his Radical Party tomorrow morning.

He told reporters that if he decides to go ahead, he will present himself to the National Assembly with a Cabinet list on Wednesday.

Faure added: "The President of the Republic urged me to continue my efforts despite the Socialists' refusal to participate. In consequence I am carrying on and will give my definitive reply tomorrow." — Reuter.

# Woman's Amazing Ordeal MAKES MEDICAL HISTORY

London, Feb. 21.

A 28-year-old London woman has astonished doctors by going through the ordeal of giving birth to her baby twice, writes Chapman Pincher in the Daily Express. Nothing like it has been recorded in medical history before.

The woman, an intelligent housewife, was extremely happy until the birth of her son to which she had looked forward, but while the baby was being born, something happened in her mind which completely changed her personality.

When she recovered from the anaesthetic she found she no longer loved her husband, and she had no affection for her baby or her relatives.

"PERSONALISATION" Treatment at a mental hospital failed to help her, and she entered Guy's Hospital, London, where Dr Edward Rolls and Dr Stafford-Clark diagnosed the trouble as a case of "depersonalisation" — a state in which she had lost normal contact with reality.

The doctors were sure the only way to cure her was to take her mind back to the moment during the birth when her personality had changed.

After standard treatments had failed the woman was given a course of hypnosis, which effected a complete cure.

While the doctors were studying her reactions, she suddenly announced she was going to give birth to her baby again.

"ALL RIGHT NOW" For the next three hours she reenacted childbirth in perfect detail. She was convinced the doctors were those who attended her originally.

After the phantom baby had been "born" she turned to one of the doctors whom she imagined was her husband and said triumphantly: "I've managed to have the baby at last. I am all right now."

The next morning her former personality had almost completely returned. Within a few days she went home — in love again with her husband, and full of interest for the baby who was then eight months old.

The doctors, who say she has since remained well, think the intense emotional strain of childbirth upset some chemical balance in the brain and the husband had somehow restored the balance and reconnected her mind with reality. — London Express Service.

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## Vote For Tax Reduction

Washington, Feb. 21.

The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives today approved a Democratic plan for a \$20 a year income tax cut next January 1.

Members said the vote in the closest floor session was 15 to 10.

The committee also approved by heavy margins a President Eisenhower's request for a \$200,000,000 in annual Corporation tax cuts now scheduled for April 1.

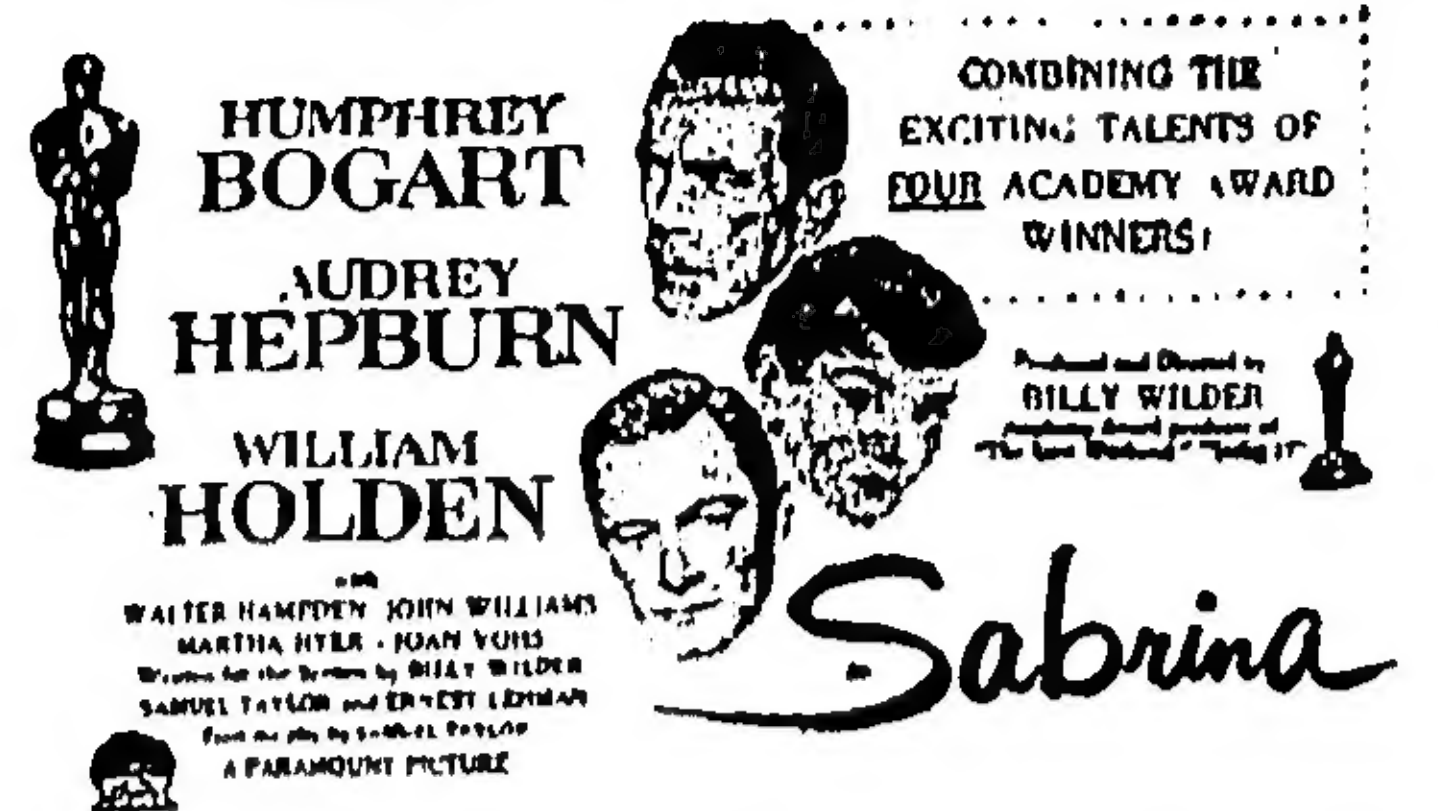
The Administration had vigorously protested against the measure, but cut reduction was



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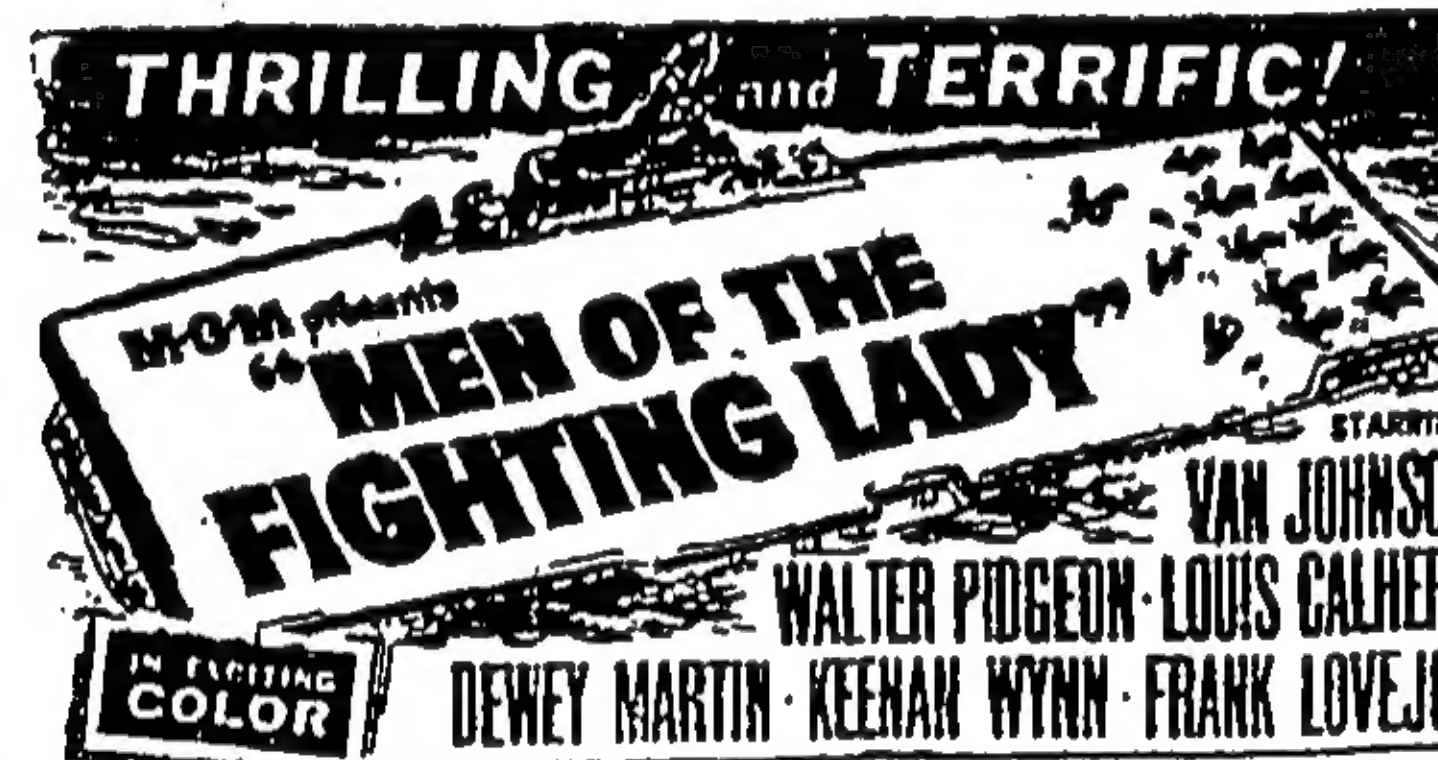


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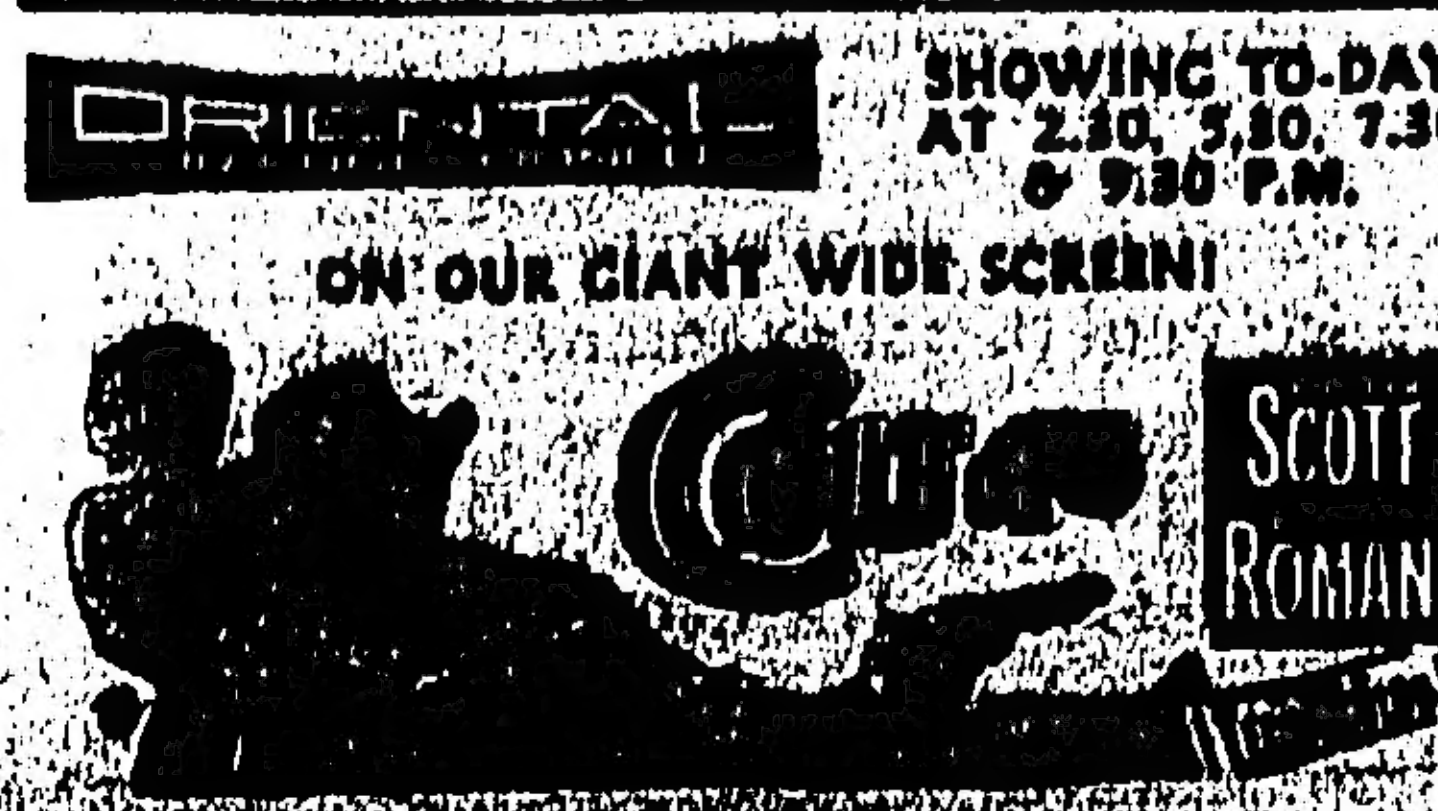
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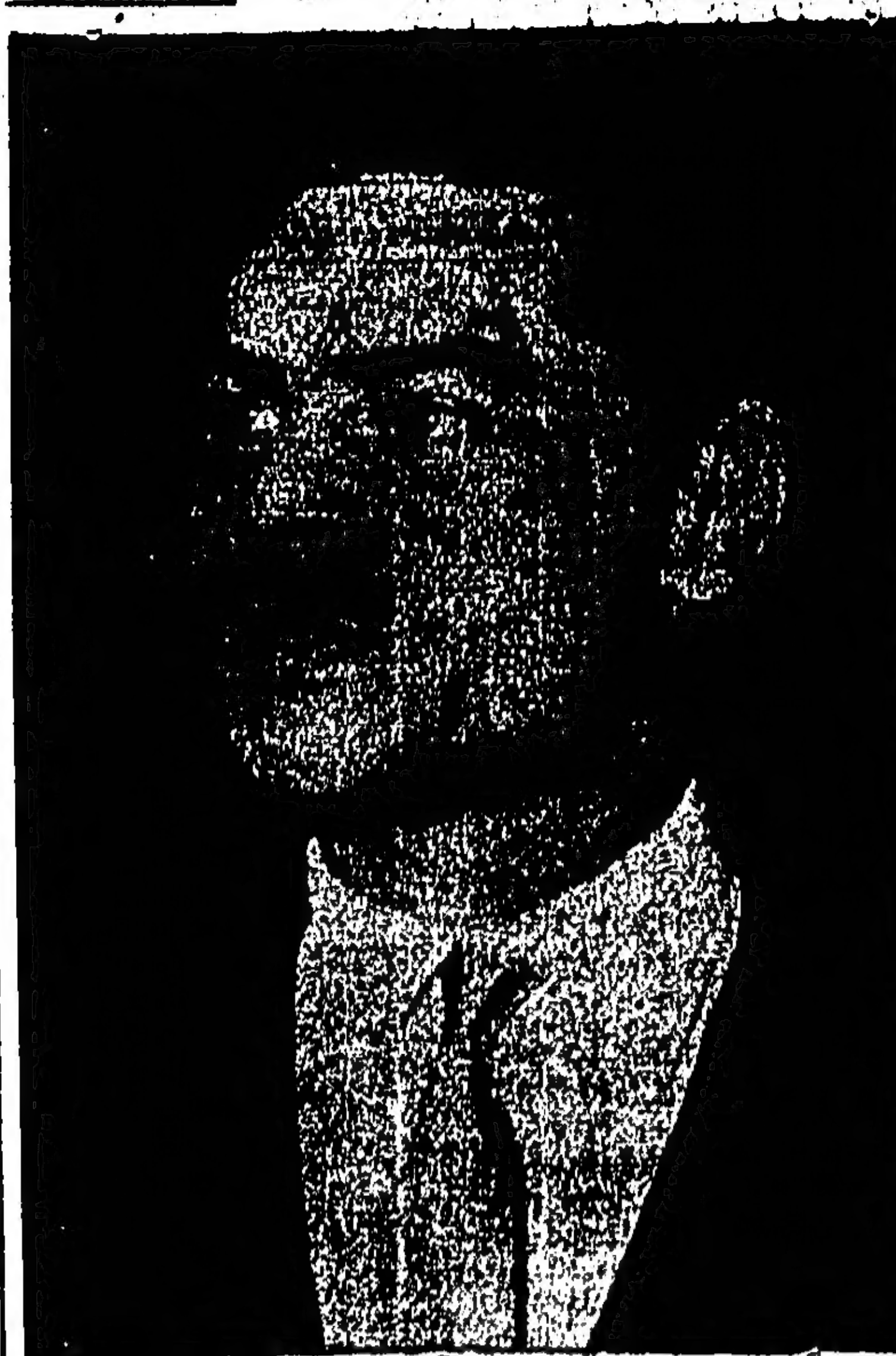
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## U.S. SECURITY RISKS

## Will Share Carol's Fortune



Maroia Lambino, son of King Carol of Rumania's morganatic runaway marriage in 1919 to Zizi Lambino, a ballerina, photographed recently in his Paris residence. After legal proceedings which lasted for many years, a Lisbon court has recognized Maroia Lambino's right to share in his father's fortune. (King Carol, it will be remembered, died in exile in Portugal). Other claimants to Carol's fortune are his son, ex-King Michael and his third wife, Princess Helena, the former Mme Laporte. —Express Photo.

## The Queen Will Attend Embassy Party

London, Feb. 21.

The Queen will visit the U.S. Embassy here for the first time tomorrow when the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Winthrop Aldrich, shows off his new home, once the property of "poor little rich girl" Barbara Hutton.

## ROYAL ROMANCE RUMOUR

## Duke's Friend Suffering From Nervous Exhaustion

Vienna, Feb. 21.  
Rona Macleod, the British sportswoman whose acquaintance with the 19-year-old Duke of Kent, touched off rumours of romance, is in a state of "nervous exhaustion," her friends reported today.

"The poor thing has been besieged with telephone calls and all kinds of silly newspaper clippings," said a woman friend of Miss Macleod's by telephone from a hotel at the ski resort of Kitzbuehel.

"She's had all the London papers sent up to her room, where she is staying in seclusion — no, she will not answer the telephone."

## HUMBUNG

Miss Macleod said yesterday that reports of a romance with the Duke were "absolute humbug."

Her friend said today, "All this silly rumour in the newspapers has reduced her to a state of nervous exhaustion." Despite the Duke's huge wealth, the Duke's social life is reported to be "very quiet."

The Duke himself said he was "not interested in the whole thing." He said he was "not interested in the whole thing." He said he was "not interested in the whole thing."

## Ike's Elimination Programme Under Attack

Washington, Feb. 21.

President Eisenhower's programme for ridding the Government of security risks came under attack on three fronts today with a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board leading the criticism.

A former Republican Senator, Mr. Harry P. Cain, named to the Board by Mr. Eisenhower, said that the programme has "swung too far on the side of injustice."

He especially criticised as "too harsh and difficult of reasonable administration" a key part of the President's 1953 order setting up the programme.

Simultaneously, a member of the House of Representatives, Mr. Martin Dies, one-time Chairman of the House American Activities Committee, charged that the programme had been "badly handled." He urged "rigid" adherence to the "American standards of justice and fair play."

## WHOLE QUESTION

The Cain-Dies charges came as a Senator, Mr. Hubert H. Humphrey, announced that hearings will open on March 3 on a resolution introduced by himself and another Senator, Mr. John O. Stennis, calling for the creation of a bipartisan commission to study the whole security question.

Mr. Humphrey said that both Democrats and Republicans have "permitted the security problem to mushroom at random, and without rational planning, co-ordination and control." He said the hearings will put all the pieces of the "security jigsaw puzzle" together for the first time.

Mr. Eisenhower has frowned on the special commission approach. He said recently that the programme is under continuing study by a special division in the Justice Department. The division is expected to come up with some recommendations soon. But they were said to be minor in nature and did not cover major criticism of the programme.

Mr. Cain's attack, in a filmed interview over Rochester, New York, television stations, was his second in recent weeks on the Federal loyalty programme.

## OVERHAUL

In a Spokane, Washington, speech on January 15 he said it should be overhauled to prevent it from "unnecessarily destroying individuals."

Mr. Cain, regarded as a Conservative during his Senate days, said in the TV interview with a member of the House of Representatives, Mr. Harold C. Osterberg, that the United States is having "peculiar trouble" with its internal security programmes.

"We didn't do enough to recognize the existence of the Communist conspiracy in years gone by," he said, "and now we are inclined to credit it to other citizens' motives which we would find hateful in ourselves." "The pendulum today has swung too far on the side of injustice. Our job now is to bring it back to the middle, where there is security on one side, and freedom on the other."

Mr. Cain cited as an example of the "jinx" the provision in Mr. Eisenhower's order of April 27, 1953, which requires that Federal employment of an individual be "clearly consistent" with the national interest.

Declaring that this is "too harsh and difficult of reasonable administration," Mr. Cain said: "It makes it too easy to resolve doubt in favour of the Government and overlook the importance of the human being. In order for the programme to be firm and effective, it must be fair and just."

## BADLY HANDLED

Mr. Dies, one of the earliest of the Congressional Communist hunters, said that the Federal loyalty programme "has been badly handled, and I never have been in sympathy with the methods employed in these security probes."

## Official Secrets Act Appeal

London, Feb. 21.

THE Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today dismissed a petition by Mr. Lester Simmonds, former Minister of Education in Jamaica, for leave to appeal against his conviction of offences under the Official Secrets Act.

THE Jamaica Supreme Court sentenced him to 15 months imprisonment with hard labour last July for conspiring to communicate secret information to "persons unknown." He was said at the trial to have given Executive Council secrets to a local journalist.

MR. Bernard Gilis, QC, for Simmonds, said that the jury's verdict in clearing him of five charges and finding him guilty of two others, were inconsistent and could not be supported by evidence. The Judicial Committee did not call on Counsel for the Crown.—Ottawa Mail Special.

## Ballerina May Be Seeking Freedom

Vienna, Feb. 21.

A Czechoslovak ice ballerina who vanished from Vienna was believed today to be seeking political asylum in the West.

She is Marianna Nachodskaya, 29-year-old beauty who came to Vienna with a Communist Czech team for last week's world figure skating championships. She was placed 18th.

The Czech Communist Legation here admitted that she had disappeared. She was not about the train that took her teammates back to Prague yesterday.

Reliable sources said it was believed that Miss Nachodskaya was still in Austria—probably somewhere in one of the Western zones of occupation—and that she had stated her unwillingness to return to her homeland.

A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy said he could "neither confirm nor deny" that the Embassy had knowledge of her whereabouts.

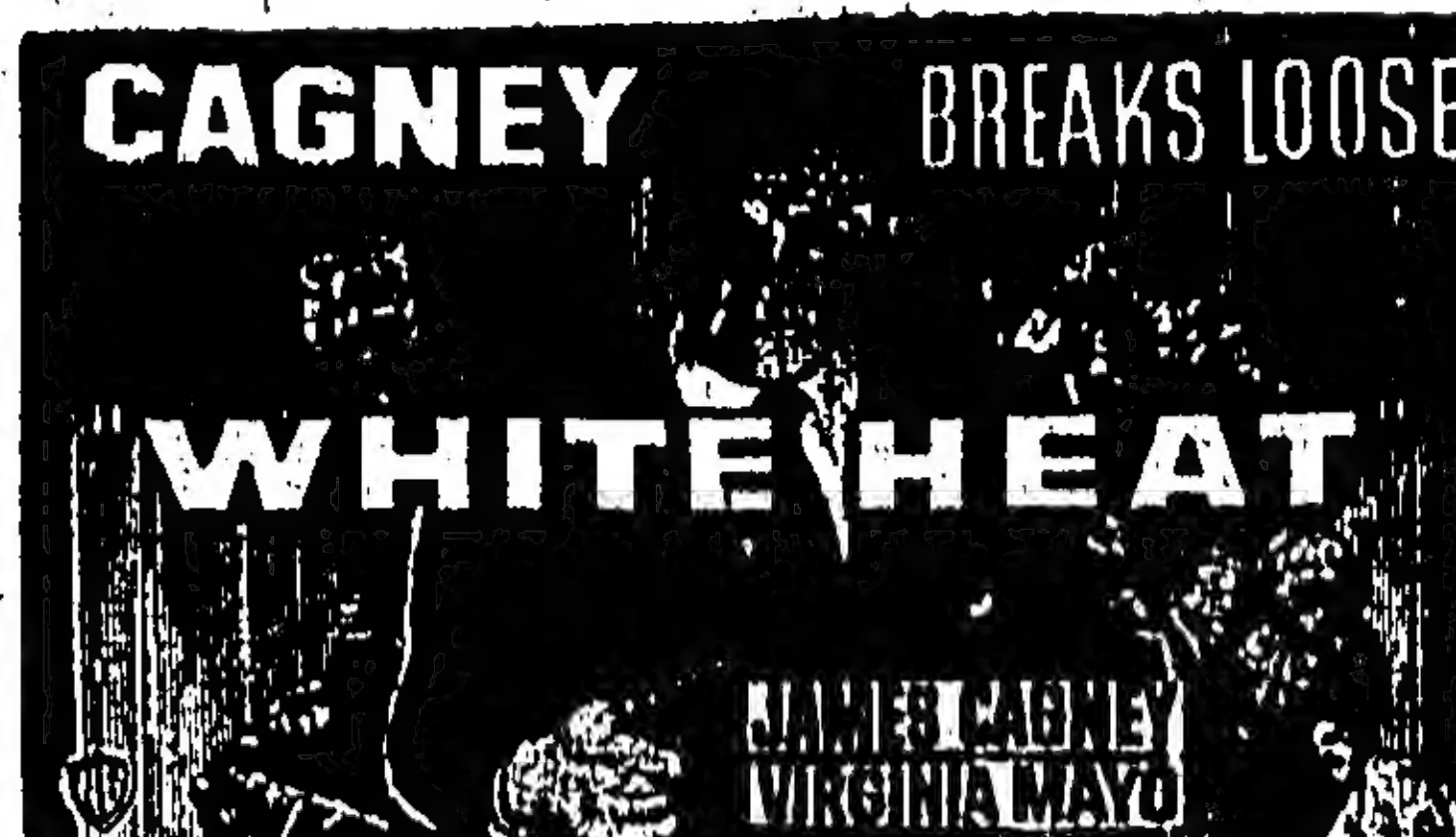
## LAST SEEN

During last week's tournament, Miss Nachodskaya was seen frequently in the company of Miss Carol Jane Pacht, a Prague-born skating star who now lives in Canada and who was a member of the Canadian team here.

Miss Pacht left by air for Germany on Saturday about the same time that Miss Nachodskaya was last seen at the Park Hotel in the city's British sector where she had been staying.—United Press.

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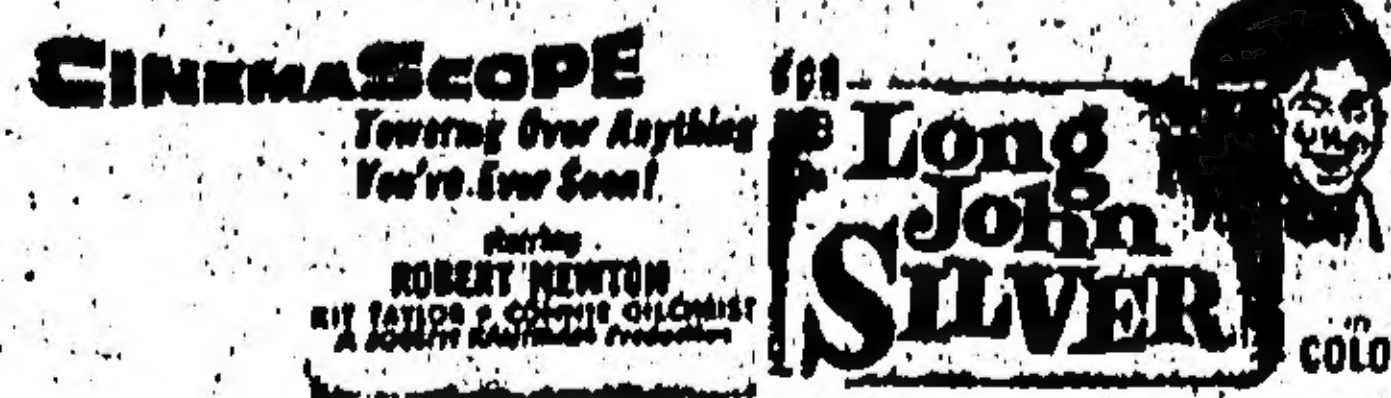
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## COUNCIL OF EUROPE COULD INFLUENCE MEMBER GOVTS

London, Feb. 21.  
Mr Alfred Robens, a former Labour Minister, today advocated the Council of Europe a parliamentary forum for all the European organisations set up since the war.

He was initiating on behalf of the Labour opposition a House of Commons debate on the Council's work.

Mr Robens said the Council would not have legislative powers but it could influence foreign secretaries, ministers and governments.

He also advocated using the Council as the parliamentary forum for Western European Union when that came into operation.

### INTL SECRETARIAT

He also wanted to see an international secretariat for the Council, based not so much on nationality as upon the capacity of the man to do the job. This would mean introducing a civil service entrance examination.

The Council was merely a platform for the opposition of Europe—people who could commit nobody. It was a parliament of backbenchers.

Mr Peter Smithers, a Conservative, disagreed. He thought the Council's "useful and proper" role was to marshal political opinion so that the various member parliaments could carry their electorate with them.

Another Labour member, Mr George Brown, said Britain should resist the temptation to think of herself as a Continental European power. She was still a world power at the head of

### British Memorial At Bayeux

London, Feb. 21.  
A British Commonwealth War Memorial, to be unveiled at Bayeux, France, on June 6 will bear a Latin inscription reading: "We whom he conquered have set free the land of William the Conqueror."

Announcing this today, the Imperial War Graves Commission, said the unveiling ceremony will be carried out by the Duke of Gloucester.

The memorial at Bayeux commemorates 1,837 officers and men of the Commonwealth armies who fell in the assault on the Normandy beaches or in the advance to the Seine and have no known grave. More than 4,000 of their comrades, buried in the nearby Bayeux war cemetery, are commemorated by individual headstones. — China Mail Special.

### Anglo-Spanish Film Not Banned Will Be Reviewed Says Official

Madrid, Feb. 21.  
A Spanish official denied today that the Anglo-Spanish film "That Lady" had been banned for showing in Spain, but said it would be reviewed again by the Censorship Board this week.

The official of the Direction General of Cinema said some changes had been made in the script since it was originally approved by the authorities. (The makers of the film, 20th Century-Fox, announced in London yesterday that the Spanish Government had ordered prints of the film destroyed because it showed a 16th century Spanish King in an unfavorable light).

The film stars Olivia de Havilland and the British actor Paul Scott as King Philip the Second of Spain. The Spanish official said today that when the film came up for showing in Spain the censors noticed changes that had been made in the original script and they objected. He said the Spanish co-producer, Don Jose Sanz Hecula, had agreed to alter the dialogue back to its original form.

The official said the film would be passed by the Censorship Board this week if the original script were adhered to. He stressed that the Board concerned itself only with the showing of the film in Spain. — Reuters.

## United Kingdom Partner In New Project USE OF GEO-THERMAL STEAM IN N. ISLAND

London, Feb. 21.  
The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority announced here tonight that a company has been formed in which they and the New Zealand Government are sole shareholders to build a power station to produce electricity and heavy water from geo-thermal steam.

The power station will be in the Wairakei district of New Zealand's North Island—a district of geysers, boiling mud, hot springs and steaming earth.

It was first announced in July last that Britain and New Zealand had agreed to build the plant and work has already begun at Wairakei.

The company will have a nominal paid up capital of £30,000, one third to be provided by Britain's Atomic Energy

Authority and the rest by the New Zealand Government.

The remainder of the company's capital requirement will be met by loans. The authority will provide £2,000,000 to build the heavy water plant and the New Zealand Government will provide £4,000,000 for the electric power equipment.

The production of heavy water is expected to begin late in 1957, followed by electric power a few months later.

### 40,000 KILOWATTS

Initially the plant will produce 40,000 kilowatts of electricity and useful amount of heavy water for nuclear power reactors, according to tonight's Authority statement.

The Authority will buy the whole output of heavy water and the New Zealand State Hydroelectric Department will buy the total electricity output. — Reuters.

### Woman Flyer Breaks All Records

Paris, Feb. 21.  
The Frenchwoman flyer Elizabeth Boselli beat the world air speed record today for all categories in a closed circuit.

The record flight was made by Elizabeth Boselli over the 1,840-kilometre non-stop return flight between Mon-de-Marsan and Oran, Algeria.

The Frenchwoman was in the controls of a Mistral jet plane. When she arrived back in Mon-de-Marsan from her return flight today, the tanks of the Mistral aircraft contained fuel for little more than three minutes' flying. She had used up almost all of her 2,500 litres (over 500 gallons) fuel supply on the trip to Oran and back.

Elizabeth Boselli earlier this year lowered the world record for 1,000 kilometres in a closed circuit—again at the controls of a French Mistral aircraft. — France-Press.

### Bangkok Conference Attacked

New York, Feb. 21.

The New York Post said today of the Bangkok conference that "it is nice to have Pakistan sign up with us but any Asiatic meeting from which India—among others—is absent can hardly be called historic."

The liberal newspaper said the Eisenhower Administration was "making an understandingly big effort to portray the impending Bangkok conference as one of the great turning points of our time."

"In view of our world troubles, any meeting that seems destined to go off according to schedule probably warrants some headlines."

"But like so many other rhetorical victories in Asia, this one is being grotesquely overplayed."

In the face of reports from Washington that United States economic aid for Asia would probably not be increased very much this year "it is hard to be thrilled by the Bangkok pop rally, at which Thailand, the Philippines, Pakistan, New Zealand and Australia will sign vows of mutual affection written by the United States and recorded by Britain and France," the Post said.

### SMALL MINDS

"As of this moment, our Asian economic policies are being shared by small minds and mechanical hearts."

"Millions in Asia are starving; millions have no beds of their own; millions watch their children die of ailments that American technicians could cure. That is the big story of Asia," the Post added.

"Nothing said or done at Bangkok can make as much as the murder of an imaginative Asian aid programme in Washington. It is up to the Democrats to face that issue. If they speak up clearly enough, the issue may even be taken in the President's campaign."

## Kuala Lumpur Lawyer Appeals To Privy Council

London, Feb. 21.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today began the hearing of an appeal by Mr P. S. Rajasooria, a Kuala Lumpur lawyer, against a High Court order of August, 1953, suspending him from practice for six months.

The suspension followed a complaint made on behalf of the Foh Hup Omnibus Company. In June, 1952, Mr Rajasooria was consulted by a number of dissatisfied shareholders and he was alleged to have sent to the company in August an amended requisition for an extraordinary general meeting to which had been pasted signatures from the original requisition.

Mr Bernard Gillis, Q.C., for Mr Rajasooria, said there were two charges against his client and the main question in the appeal was whether he has been guilty of grossly improper conduct in the discharge of his professional duty.

### ONE TRANSACTION

The matter was first investigated by the Disciplinary Committee, respondents in the appeal, and it arose out of one transaction.

On the first complaint, the Committee found that in cutting off the signatures and pasting them to the amended requisition, Mr Rajasooria was guilty of grossly improper conduct.

With regard to the second complaint, they found that he

had written a letter on September 29, 1952, with the intention of justifying his action and that it was done with the intention to mislead.

Having held on the first charge that Mr Rajasooria did not act with any intention to deceive, there was lacking the essential element for a finding of grossly improper conduct, Mr Gillis submitted.

Mr Rajasooria had behaved in an almost incredibly foolish way but such finding must contain some element of dishonourable conduct and he was expressly acquitted of that intention.

When the company's solicitors received the letter of September 29, they replied on October 1, setting out in the clearest terms their understanding of the letter.

To a large extent the finding against Mr Rajasooria was based on the fact that he had made no reply to the letter, notwithstanding that his attention had been drawn to the way in which the solicitors were interpreting it.

### NOT DELIVERED

"It was also discovered that the letter of October 1 was not delivered until October 4 to his office. In his absence and was never seen by him," said Mr Gillis.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow. — China Mail Special.

### LEBANON WILL NOT MEDIATE

Beirut, Feb. 21.

The Lebanon has now given up her idea of mediating between Egypt and Iraq on the proposed Turco-Iraq pact of which Egypt disapproves, because Egypt will not change her attitude. It was stated in political circles here tonight.

A three-hour meeting tonight of President Camille Chamoun, Prime Minister Sami al Solh and Foreign Minister Alfred Naccas with the Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, Major Salah Salama, gave no positive result. It was learned.

Source close to the Government said after the meeting that it was too unproductive. The meeting between the Egyptian Prime Minister, Gamal Abdel Nasser, and the Lebanese President, Camille Chamoun, was also unproductive.

### ANTI-LOVERS BILL

The Hague, Feb. 21.  
The imminent approach of spring was heralded in the Municipal Council of Tilburg, in the Brabant, today with the introduction of a bill to discourage immodest behaviour on the part of youth during the season.

The Catholic group of the Municipal Council has proposed a law forbidding any person from "sitting or lying on public benches or on the grass, if accompanied by a person of the opposite sex."

The bill has an "escape clause." An exception is made of married couples who can present their marriage certificate. — France-Press.

## West German Rearmament Ridiculed

Cologne, Feb. 21.

German rearmament was extensively geyed today when the Rhineland staged its first "white carnival" for more than 50 years. More than three million people took part.

Long processions with great floats ridiculing German and international politics swayed through dense throngs in all big Rhineland towns this afternoon. Among the crowds were hundreds of thousands of tourists from Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France.

On one of Dusseldorf's 34 floats showed caricatures of figures of Mr John Foster Dulles, Sir Anthony Eden and M. Pierre Mendes-France struggling to squeeze a German into uniform.

ANOTHER VARIATION  
Another variation on the German army theme was a major bringing breakfast in bed to a cigar smoking private soldier. More than 500,000 spectators watched the Dues-seldorf procession including a delegation from Paris, headed by Deputy Mayor, M. Chantre-tier de Sides.

The Saar and French "mis-givings" about West Germany were other popular themes for the processions.

In Aachen, men and girls in fancy dress tossed three tons of sweets, a hundred-weight of chocolate, 10,000 bunches of flowers and 10,000 rubber balls to the cheering throngs. — Reuters.

## Mass Rallies To Be Held In E. Berlin

Berlin, Feb. 21.

Eight mass rallies are to be held in East Berlin next Friday to protest against the Paris treaties rearming West Germany, under discussion in the West German lower house on the same day. The East German press agency, ADN, said today.

Political leaders will speak at the rallies, organised by the Communist-led National Front of all parties. One of the speakers will be Professor Gerhard Eisler, at one time America's chief Communist and former head of the East German Information Office.

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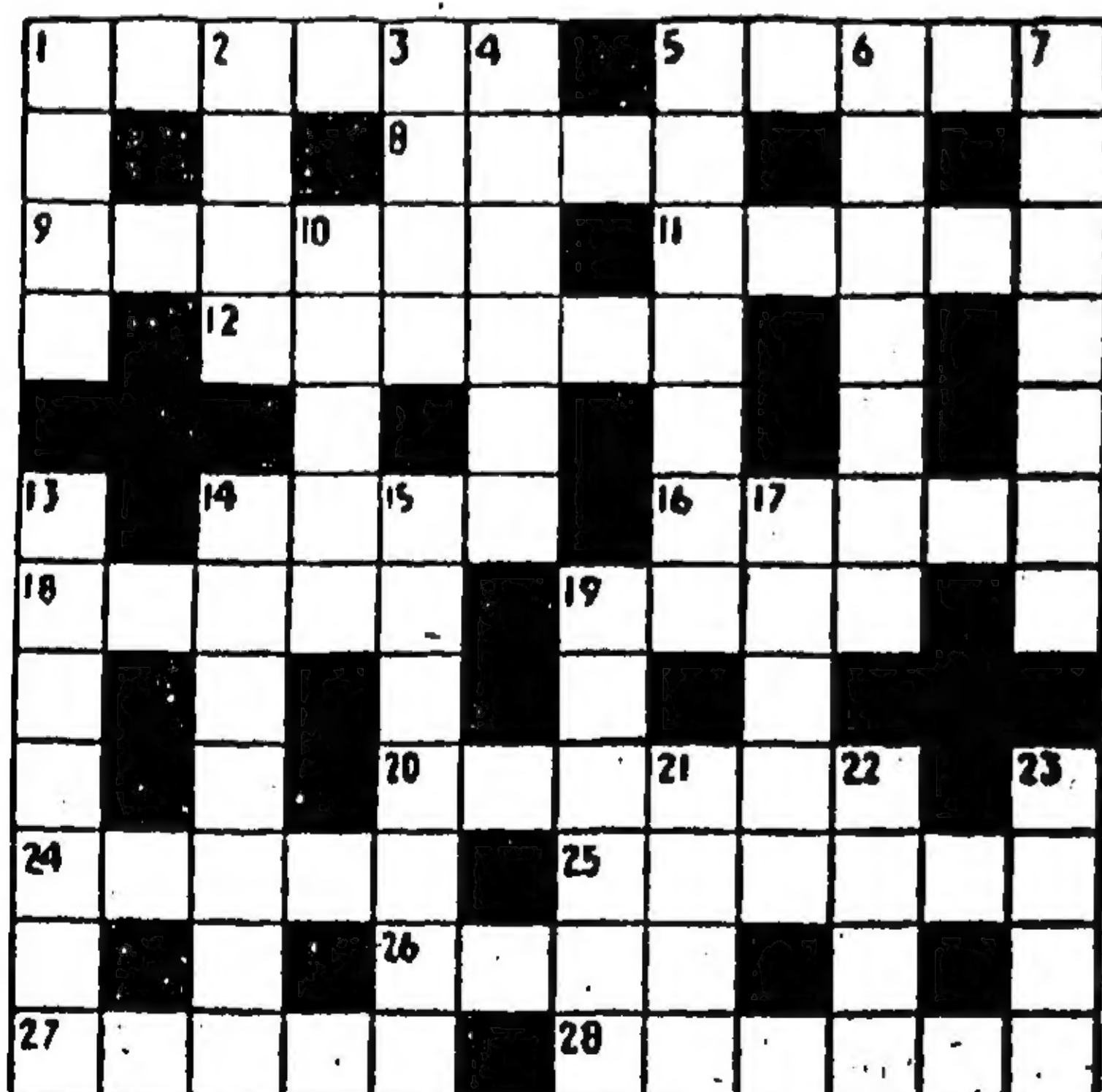
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### A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Thief (6).
- 6 Quite sufficient (5).
- 9 Sell (4).
- 10 Oriental language (6).
- 11 Poetry (5).
- 12 In abundance (6).
- 14 Daring (4).
- 15 Upset (5).
- 16 Liable (5).
- 19 Cliche (4).
- 20 Season (6).
- 24 Commerce (5).
- 26 Trimming (6).
- 28 Necessity (4).
- 27 Exploits (5).
- 28 Protect (6).

DOWN

- 1 Harvest (4).
- 2 Boat (4).
- 3 Wickedness (4).
- 4 Register (6).
- 5 Country (7).
- 6 Steal (7).
- 7 Precious stone (7).
- 10 Staff (5).
- 13 Accelerated (7).
- 14 Servitude (7).
- 15 Diminutive (6).
- 17 Less bright (6).
- 19 Discouraged (6).
- 21 Constructed (4).
- 22 Vex (4).
- 23 Old (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Rink, 4 Elbow, 5 Myriad, 10 Acid, 12 Lessor, 14 Tempest, 17 Note, 19 Bristled, 20 Cavalry, 22 Uses, 23 Tearing, 27 Russia, 29 Signs, 30 Strain, 31 Dunes, 32 Rites. Down: 1 Ramit, 2 Skirm, 3 Scale, 5 Lava, 6 Parrot, 7 Edited, 9 Deserts, 11 Outcrop, 13 Savana, 15 Raps, 16 Frison, 18 Tern, 20 Cured, 21 Yeager, 24 Asia, 26 Hawk, 28 Genui, 29 Asia.



Moved house recently?

# THE JEEP WIFE

takes her home with her—round the world

London. It sounds a crazy, thoroughly haywire way of getting from one place to another. It may well be the maddest voyage of 1955.

Ellenore Carlin, a slim, black-haired, olive-skinned American, plans to travel with her husband, Australian-born Major Benjamin Carlin, from London to Australia—by amphibious Jeep.

It is a normal Jeep with a boat built around it; a peculiar looking craft 18ft. long with a spare tyre on the stern and a bunk where the back seat ought to be.

It is called "Half Safe," and the Carlins have already driven it across the Atlantic Ocean from Halifax to Northern Africa and up through Europe. They intend to get all the way round the world.

This trip to Australia, starting this month, means months on the road, crossing snow-capped mountains and arid deserts. It means weeks at sea, with one spell of at least 10 days between landfalls crossing the North Pacific.

## How, what, why?

How do you cross an ocean by Jeep? What do you take with you? And why do you do it at all?

I went out to the Carlins' basement flat in Regent's Park to find out. Here are Mrs Carlin's answers:

"You do it by staying awake, steering, with occasional spells on a bunk, made up with a hairy, army horse-blanket. I insisted on sheets and pillowcases when we started out from Halifax, but they got so wet and sticky that we gave them up after a couple of days.

"You do it by eating a steady diet of baked beans out of a can. By getting so sleepy that you keep your eyes open by dabbling them with paper handkerchiefs soaked in cold water.

"By getting so tired that you don't know what day it is, and barely whether it's light or dark—so tired that you 'wash' your



The wife—and the home that moves: MRS. ELLENORE CARLIN, and in the lower picture the Jeep with a boat built round it takes to the water.

face once a week with cold cream."

And what if you get seasick? "I am seasick," says Mrs Carlin calmly, "all the time."

What does a woman take with her on such a trip?

To wear: half a kit-bag full of clothes is the limit—two pairs of shorts, one pair of slacks, a cotton skirt, a couple of blouses, two pairs of shoes.

To eat: two dozen tins of baked beans; three dozen tins of fruit; 10lb. of biscuits; tea and coffee. "Ben has built two immersion heaters into the dashboard for this lap—coming across the Atlantic all our food was cold.

To provide a touch of luxury: a bottle of whisky, cigarettes (30 a day each). "I rolled 2,300 by hand before we left Halifax."

To read: "Nothing. We had books on the first lap, but we were too tired to read a word."

## The money

And to give way: "Nylons, lipsticks—and needles. In the North African desert, the only thing that pleased the women were needles."

Where does the money come from? Well, when they landed in England three years ago they were flat broke. Ben had to rebuild the superstructure of the Jeep, so Ellenore went to work as a secretary with the Ameri-

can Navy—pay about £18 a week—to support them. Then Ben wrote a book about the Atlantic crossing. The £1,000 advance royalties—the book will be out in September—pays for the next lap to Australia.

This sort of madcap venture is understandable for a man like Ben Carlin. At 43, he has been a mining engineer, digging gold in Western Australia and coal in Peking, joined the Indian Army when war broke out, and is fanatically interested in all mechanical things which move.

## We arrive—

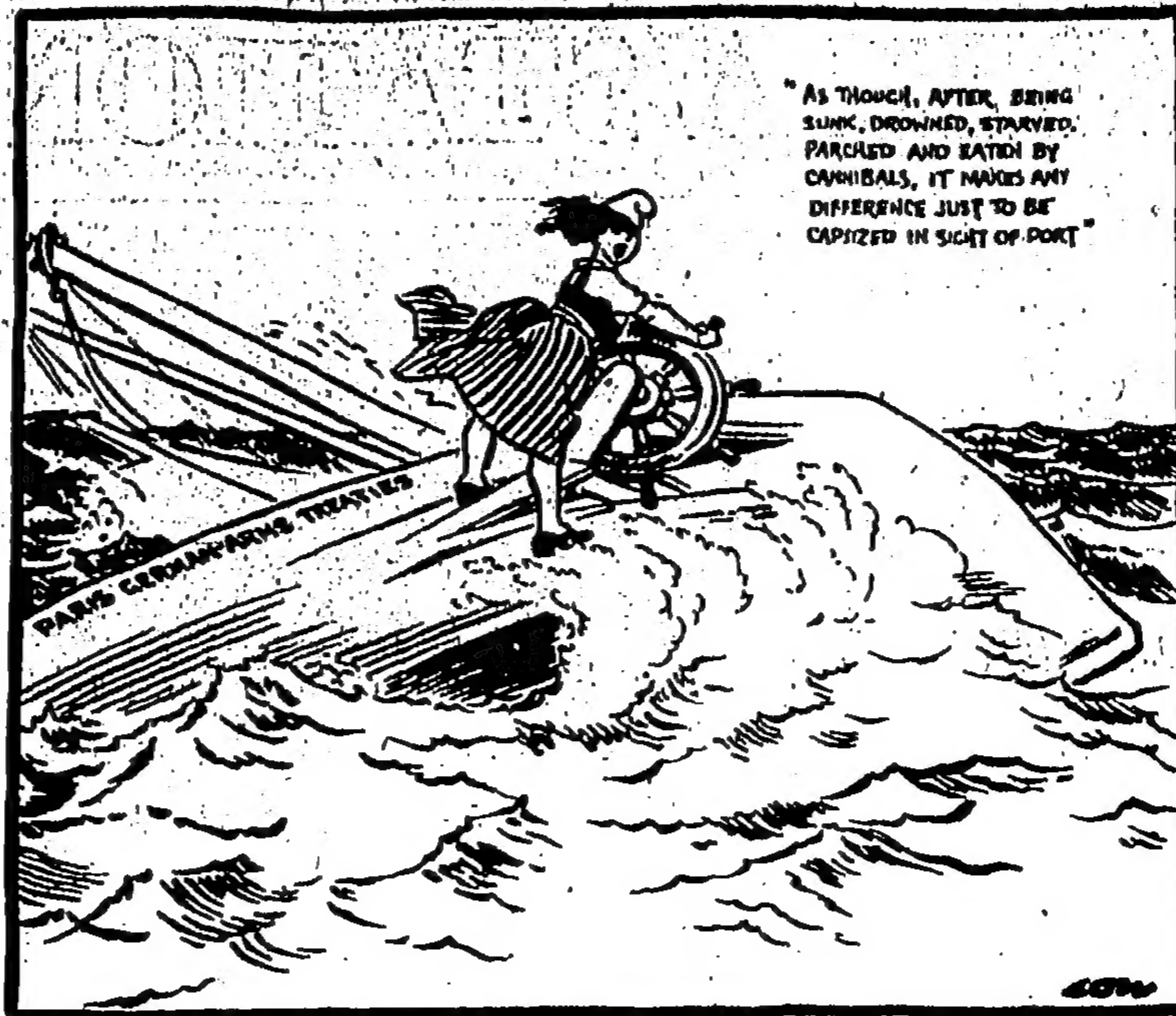
There is some excuse for him. But 37-year-old Ellenore does not seem the pioneering type. She is sleek and sleek. She likes comfort, pretty clothes, exotic dishes. Before the war she worked in the same job in the same small-town bank for 10 years.

Why does she do it? "Well," she draws, "it's so nice to arrive at the other end. It gives you a sense of achievement. And we arrive quite often."

It sounds to me like hitting your thumb with a hammer, because it feels so good when you stop.

But Mrs Carlin just laughs. "I take to numbness very well."

Mary Heaton



TEMPESTUOUS JOURNEY

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# RICHES AHEAD FOR THE IRISH BOG-MEN

By Vaughan Jones

A CROSS the grey Irish Sea, lonely bogland wastes still cover a million acres of the Republic of Ireland. On their rims huddle little white-washed cottages, their thatched roofs shading lightly against the misty purples and dark browns and greens of the bogs. Their poverty-ridden owners exist from a few acres of rough land, with a couple of pigs and a score of hens. Potatoes are the mainstay of them all, though the hens have the advantage of being able to scratch around for grubs.

## Only Poverty

THE holdings are passed from father to eldest son, who unquestioningly preserves the family name there rather than emigrate, like his brothers, to the fabled riches of the United States.

Utterly independent, he has few worries—except his

poverty. And at least he has no fuel problems. He cuts his turf (he won't know what you're talking about if you call it peat) at his own back door. With a two-edged spade, he slices down five, ten or more feet into the dark soggy mass and casts up the spits to dry on the heather-covered bank alongside.

Sometimes he is content to quit as soon as water, seeping into his trench, prevents him digging lower. Sometimes the lie of the land and a rough drain runs the water off altogether and he cuts down to a gravelly bottom. Then his new-won land will bear a crop of poor potatoes, or straggly oats until years of tillage have added some richness. And so the Irish have slowly driven back the bogs.

Right now, however, the Irish bog-men are discovering they are sitting on riches: the very bog which they considered only fit for fuel can one day make them wealthier than their green-grassed neighbours.

In the wilds of Connacht, where water-logged wastes are still the refuge of snipe and duck, woodcock and plover, a great experiment is proving a success.

For Gowla—one of the most desolate bogs in Galway—is being transferred into rich farmland by the men from Dublin.

The men from Dublin—as represented by the Irish Sugar Company—had studied scientific methods of soil cultivation. They agreed, of course, that Ireland would never be quite Old Ireland again once its bogs had disappeared. But they believed it preferable to give the poor more food.

The city men set to work on Gowla and ignored the local folk, who shook their heads at their effrontery in thinking they could beat the bog.

They talked about mineral soil and bog soil, and their idea was so simple that the folk wouldn't believe it could work.

## Green Crop

IN brief, it was not to cut away the turf to the poor subsoil, as the local people had done from generation to generation. It was to convert the bog surface into rich crop-bearing land.

First they started on a plot little more than seven acres. They drained it, they cleared the heather from it and levelled it. They broke up the surface to a spade-spill's depth—and not for carting away for lightening heavy land elsewhere, as was the local custom. Then they added the necessary fertilisers—the chemists had previously analysed the turf—and they sowed mixed grass and clover.

The surface dried and firmed. In three months there was a thriving green crop. And the new land was so solid that nearby farmers could drive their bullocks across it without the animals sinking, floundering, to their middles as they had before.

The city men went on to a bigger tract of bog, 3,400 acres. In parts it was thirty-five feet deep in water, slime and turf.

## A Success

THIS time they brought in simple machinery to help them. An excavator cut the drains, throwing up the turf to be dried and harvested for fuel. The fertilizer was carried in trailers mounted on light hollow steel rollers nine feet long and five feet across—too bulky to sink through the still-soft surface. Another machine, the "rotovator" broke up the top eight inches. Finally came the machine which sowed the seed and rolled it in.

The hay was harvested—the yield was bigger than that of the surrounding farms—and the men from Dublin went on to other crops.

They planted barley, potatoes and sugar beet. They planted spruce and poplar—for gun-shooting. America.

The experiment was an unqualified success. To the acre, 30 cwt. of barley; 16 tons of seed potatoes; and, eventually, more than 17 tons of sugar beet. And the first year's harvest there, the first yield was twice that of neighbouring "mineral" land.

The bog men are developing the bog into rich farmland, and the local folk are beginning to believe it could work.

# WHAT'S BEHIND THE FORMOSA SMOKE-SCREEN?

By JAMES WICKENDEN

WHAT is really behind the heated wrangles, the threats and the boasts of the two Chinese sides battling round Formosa?

Clearly, the revolution which reached its height in 1949 with Mao Tse-tung's victory in China is not yet over. This is not a new struggle. It is an old one. China is still in the flux of civil war.

Britain's recognition unintentionally tended to give the impression that the Communists were undisputed and the government of China settled for all time. True, the Communists control the largest slice of China and are far stronger

than the Nationalists. But, until a few weeks ago, it was not the Communists who had the initiative but Chiang Kai-shek.

He opened large guerrilla forces on the mainland. The Communists have none in Formosa. His air force scored the Red coast for hundreds of miles. The Communists have not been over Formosa for six months and then only in a reconnaissance flight.

The exodus of refugees and ex-war prisoners has been from the mainland to Formosa. There has been none from Nationalist areas into China.

What is happening, therefore, is that the Communists are striving to reverse this initiative; to cut out the coastal islands essential to Chiang's influence in China. The struggle is essentially strategic, and without the moral significance the Communists have tried to paint.

## TWO PICTURES

WHAT of support for the two regimes? In China since last September Peking has striven hard to raise recruiting fever among the youth and has failed. The failure has been repeatedly admitted in Chinese papers. Finally, conscription has just been introduced, as well as tighter police security measures. On Formosa the picture is different. There is no lack of support for the Chiang regime, hard as it may be for some to believe.

The fact is that while the glamour of Communism has begun to wear thin in China, the Nationalist Government has learnt from past mistakes. But the world has given Chiang Kai-shek a bad name and will not forget it. This error prevents a clear appraisal of his position today.

Chiang has not helped his own cause. His proclaimed intention of invading China "any time now" while withdrawing from the Tachens makes him appear as a paper tiger.

## SOUND REASONS

BUT the reasons for it are sound. They are the same reasons which prompt him to say he will not quit Quemoy and Matsu.

He wants to prevent demoralisation among his troops, who are on tiptoe for an invasion. He wants to drive as hard a bargain for American aid as he can.

Calling for a stand on Quemoy is his highest demand on the U.S.A. It is part of the Oriental procedure of bargaining. It ensures that, when he reluctantly agrees to withdraw, the Americans will be screwed up to defend Formosa if necessary.

Why blame him for that hope? Nehru does not. Despite all the speculation on his attitude, Nehru refuses to say that Formosa belongs by right to the Communists. His firm "no comment" on this question in London and his stated reluctance to a conference on Formosa are important guides—the only sure ones—to his opinion.

## BEST SOLUTION

HE says, like Eden, that an informal cease-fire is the best immediate solution. Beyond that he will not talk.

This means that Chiang must abandon his coastal islands and the influence he exerts from them. That is his loss. But the Communists, too, must abandon their offensive intentions beyond the coast. It is a fair share of bitterness for either side.

If there is a Geneva-type conference this will probably be Nehru's line. And what he says will be the most important factor in a predominantly Asian discussion.

## Knew All

HIGH on the mountain, a shepherd with packing round his feet sent us back to the parish priest. "Sure," the Father Donnelly who knows every child who speaks Irish, he informed us.

And at the village we called on Father Donnelly, genial and rosey-faced, who knew everything that happened in the wilds. "What is the truth, Father?" we said, "about these people who are so Irish they can't speak a word of English?"

"You tell me the truth," he replied, sadly. "Indeed I will. I have just been to a meeting of the lads who speak Irish. And some had come from Cork and Kerry, and some from Sligo and Ballina and others from all over Ireland. But I couldn't understand a word anyone said, and the lads couldn't understand me. They all said the same thing: 'We are all Irish.'"

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# COINCIDENCE

James Leasor sets you arguing alongside the news

IT'S uncanny, incredible, all but impossible—and TRUE! That is coincidence, the phenomenon which has become a talking point all over Britain since the Death Penalty debate in the Commons recalled one of the strangest coincidences of all.

Timothy John Evans and John Christie—both hanged for murder, both living in the same road... in the same house.

It is a coincidence so extraordinary that some people have been unable to believe. "TOO MUCH of a coincidence," they say. "It couldn't be true."

But nothing is too much for coincidence. It is a chance in a million, a billion, but it happens.

## CO-PASSENGER

It happened to Thomas Hodgson, now serving seven years in gaol for the manslaughter of his wife's lover in 1952.

He stumbled out of his home that day hardly knowing what he had done. A bus nearly ran him down. The driver, seeing his distress, stopped a passing ambulance.

The "long arm" has a limitless reach, across both time and space.

The second wife of Sir Philip Rosenberg died last December in a taxi crash near New York. She died on exactly the spot where the first Mrs. Rosenberg died, also in a taxi crash, five years before.

60-odd miles to confound Mr Cyril White, of Wetwang, Yorks, and Mr Cyril White, of Leeds.

Two cars collided about two months ago. One stepped the drivers. Introduced themselves.

Two Cyril Whites, from 60 miles apart! The odds against, said the local police chief, were bigger "than the ordinary man's chance of a winning line on the Treble Chance."

## THE THEORY

Many people have strange beliefs about coincidence. They hold that lightning "will never strike in the same place twice, that a second shell will not land where the first fell.

Dr Horace Levinson, the mathematician, dealt with such beliefs in a book he wrote on "The Science of Chance."

He recalls how, in "Peter Simple," Captain Marryat tells of a midshipman who stuck his head out through a shell-hole in the side of his ship during a naval battle, believing that the odds were 32,547 and some decimals... that another ball would not come through the same hole.

Dr Levinson agreed that the lad was right in thinking the chance of two shells hitting the same place is small.

THE WINNER

But he was wrong in believing that "after one shell had landed, the chance that a second would land in the same place is any smaller than the chance it would hit any other spot agreed on in advance."

when the wind blew, a newspaper into his face.

He brushed it away, then saw that it was his own local paper.

He read it casually—and found a paragraph saying he had won 10s. in a competition.

That is the sort of coincidence that is none the less impressive for its homeliness.

It was the sort that happened to Mrs Lily Horner, of Hendon, who broke her foot a week or so ago, went to Edgeware Hospital, and met her brother there. He was also having treatment.

And then out of the run of trivial coincidences there comes one that makes us pause for a moment, and think again, and wonder.

## NEW HOPE

For these are coincidences with no outward, easy explanation, and new hope to men hard pressed.

Admiral Sir Robert Burnett tells the story of such a one on an icy Russian convoy during the war.

"We were being hammered pretty badly," he says. "I was very, very worried. So much so that I was turning over in my mind whether I should go on and risk the losses or turn back for home."

"There was a full, I took out my Bible and opened it, quite indiscriminately. I found: 'When I was turning through the wilderness I will be with thee.' When that light walked through the fire, that light was not to be burned."

For all that, we all have our tales of coincidences that have impressed or amused us. The coincidence that a man who had been in the army for 20 years had been in the army for 20 years.







"Yes, sir, that boy of mine has a head on his shoulders. When I took him into the business, you should see the secretary he hired."

## • BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

THE suggestion that athletes, particularly high and long jumpers, should take lessons in ballet-dancing, fills me with a sense of well-being.

I would go further and say that I think high jumpers should jump with a ballerina in their arms, to give them some of the grace and poise that is lacking in their jumps. I am sure that a ballerina, with her grace and poise, would be a great help to a high jumper. I am sure that a ballerina, with her grace and poise, would be a great help to a high jumper.

Oh, dear!

MIMIE SLOP-CORNER had called at Sue's office to return a book he had lent her on "Tireless Adjustment in Theory and Practice." She found Gloria Greenleaf in the room. I expect you two would like to be alone," said Gloria, going towards the door. "I expect you two would like to be alone," said Gloria, going towards the door.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

BORN today you possess exceptional powers but you are inclined to squander your own talents so that the world is much the poorer for it. You are a natural leader and you have special talents. Make use of them and be sure that your associates know what you are capable of. You need not try in the opposite direction and become boastful. Just be firmly confident of your own power.

You have a tender heart and are sympathetic with the sorrows of others. You are a good-natured person and you are inclined to help others. You are a good-natured person and you are inclined to help others.

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## • JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Expert Player Will Rise Above Luck

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT'S very natural to rejoice when your luck is good and to feel a little sad when your luck is bad. Only rarely do you get the chance to rise above bad luck, as my friend, Henry Chanin, did in the bridge hand shown today.

Chanin knew that he was bidding the South hand to the limit. His partner's first response showed a count of 16 or 17 points, which meant that the combined count was only 31 to 32 points in high cards.

Nevertheless Henry pushed ahead to the slam in spades. This was slightly optimistic, but far from unreasonable.

West opened the jack of clubs, and Chanin considered his best line of play. Let's consider the hand along with him. Since we can see all the cards, we can tell that both finesses in diamonds and the finesses in clubs are doomed to failure. Moreover, the hearts are not going to break 3-3. In short the luck is almost as bad as it could be.

Chanin couldn't tell that he was going to run into such bad luck, but he found a way to get around it anyway. He won the first trick with dummy's ace of clubs and ruffed a club with the queen of spades.

He got back to dummy by leading the low trump to dummy's eight and ruffed another low club with the king of spades.

Continuing his plan, Chanin led the ten of spades to dummy's jack and ruffed off dummy's last club with the ace of spades. This cleared up the entire club suit and left declarer without a trump in his hand.

Chanin next led a heart to dummy's king and led the nine of spades to draw West's last trump. East and South's last trump, East and South's last trump, East and South's last trump.

It was now time to try out the hearts. Chanin cashed the ace and queen of that suit, discovering that East was then left with the jack of hearts.

At this point East's last two cards were diamonds, and he had to lead up to dummy's ace-queen, giving dummy a free finesse. Chanin thus lost only one trick, making his slam contract.

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:

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Annual General Meeting of the  
Members of the Company will  
be held on Tuesday, the  
8th day of March, 1955, at  
11 a.m. at the Company's  
Registered Office, 4th Floor,  
P. & O. Building, for the  
transaction of the business of  
an Ordinary General Meeting  
including the following:—

- (1) To receive and consider  
the Reports of the Directors  
and of the Auditors and  
the Profit and Loss  
Account for the year  
ended 31st December,  
1954, and the Balance  
Sheet as at that date.
- (2) To approve the Dividend.
- (3) To elect Directors.
- (4) To appoint Auditors.

The Register of Members  
will be closed from Wednesday,  
the 23rd of February, to  
Tuesday, the 8th of March,  
1955, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
F. H. FELL,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 17th Feb., 1955.

## NOTICE

We wish to advise that as  
from Monday 21st February  
1955, the address of this  
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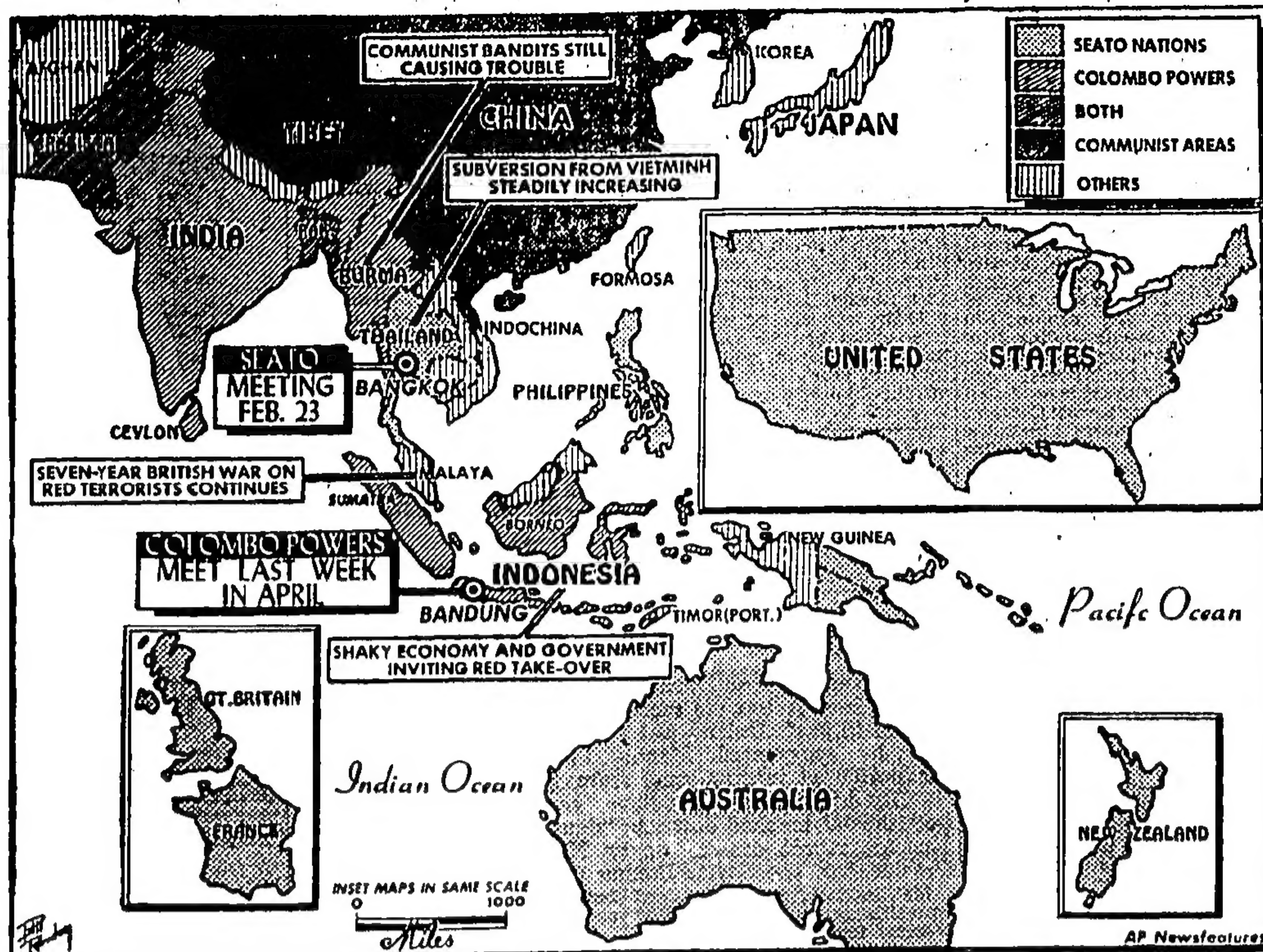
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# SEATO TO BLUEPRINT S.E.A. DEFENCE AT BANGKOK



By LARRY ALLEN

Singapore, Feb. 21.  
Eight nations which have  
banded together to defend  
the free countries of South-  
east Asia are going to put  
"fighting teeth" into the  
Manila Pact to protect this  
crucial lower corner of Asia  
from further Communist  
aggression.

Machinery for the Southeast  
Asia Treaty Organisation—  
ratified the first day of this  
month by the United States  
Senate—is expected to get a  
thorough oiling as the signa-  
tories sit down in the capital  
of Red-threatened Thailand to  
take tough and effective steps to  
stem the Communist tide. Both  
the Secretary of State Mr. John  
Foster Dulles and Sir Anthony  
Eden will attend.

The United States and Britain,  
in advance of the conference  
opening in Bangkok on Wednes-  
day, are understood to have  
agreed in principle to steer  
away from any big NATO-type  
standing army as the best means  
of defending the region.

But the conference is expected  
to set up a military blue-  
print which would cover the use  
of armed forces in coping with  
any Red-created emergencies.

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J. R. LAWRENCE,  
Secretary.

endangering key Southeast Asia  
countries. The territory covered  
by SEATO does not include  
Formosa or Korea, where  
separate agreements by the  
United States hold at bay the  
Red Chinese armies.

Along with plans for co-  
ordinating American's mobile  
striking power with British,  
Australian and New Zealand  
forces, the SEATO conference  
also are expected to accept  
political and economic measures  
to block Communist subversive  
moves.

The countries which last Sep-  
tember in Manila signed the  
pact setting up SEATO are  
shown on the accompanying  
map—the United States, Britain,  
France, Australia, New Zealand,  
Pakistan, Thailand and the  
Philippines.

By setting together on Wednes-  
day to put teeth in their cardinal  
aim of promoting peace and  
detering Red aggression, these  
nations have a chance to antici-  
pate any Red-inspired moves  
that may be born at the con-  
ference of 30 Afro-Asia coun-  
tries opening in Bandung, Indone-  
sia, the last week in April.

This meeting was called by  
the Colombo Powers, also in-  
dicated on the map, and its  
sponsors say its aim is to pro-  
mote world peace and stability.  
In the background, however,  
is the deep-seated desire among  
most of the Asian nations to re-  
emphasize their Asianism and  
independence from the West.

Red China's Premier, Mr.  
Chou En-lai, already has in-  
dicated he will lead his coun-  
try's delegation to Indonesia  
and undoubtedly will seek to  
put across moves aimed at  
speeding up the sweep of the  
Red tide in Southeast Asia.

Observers are wondering if  
there's much chance of the Ban-  
dung conference developing into  
anything more than a Com-  
munist sounding board or a  
possible creation of a "neutralist  
bloc" between the East and the  
West.

## BIGGEST PROBLEM

The biggest problem facing  
the SEATO conference is  
formulation of a method of  
combating subversion, the typical  
first step by Communists deter-  
mined to take over a country.  
There's plenty in this field for  
the Bangkok delegates to worry  
about.

Indonesia, which refused to  
join SEATO, has a wobbly  
economy and a shaky govern-  
ment—kept in power by support  
of Indonesian Communists—and  
is considered a fertile field for  
the Reds.

Communist agents from Viet-  
nam territory are reported in-  
filtrating free South Vietnam by  
thousands. How well South  
Vietnam can hold up under this  
pressure apparently will be  
determined by how effectively  
the government uses the aid it  
gets from the United States and  
France.

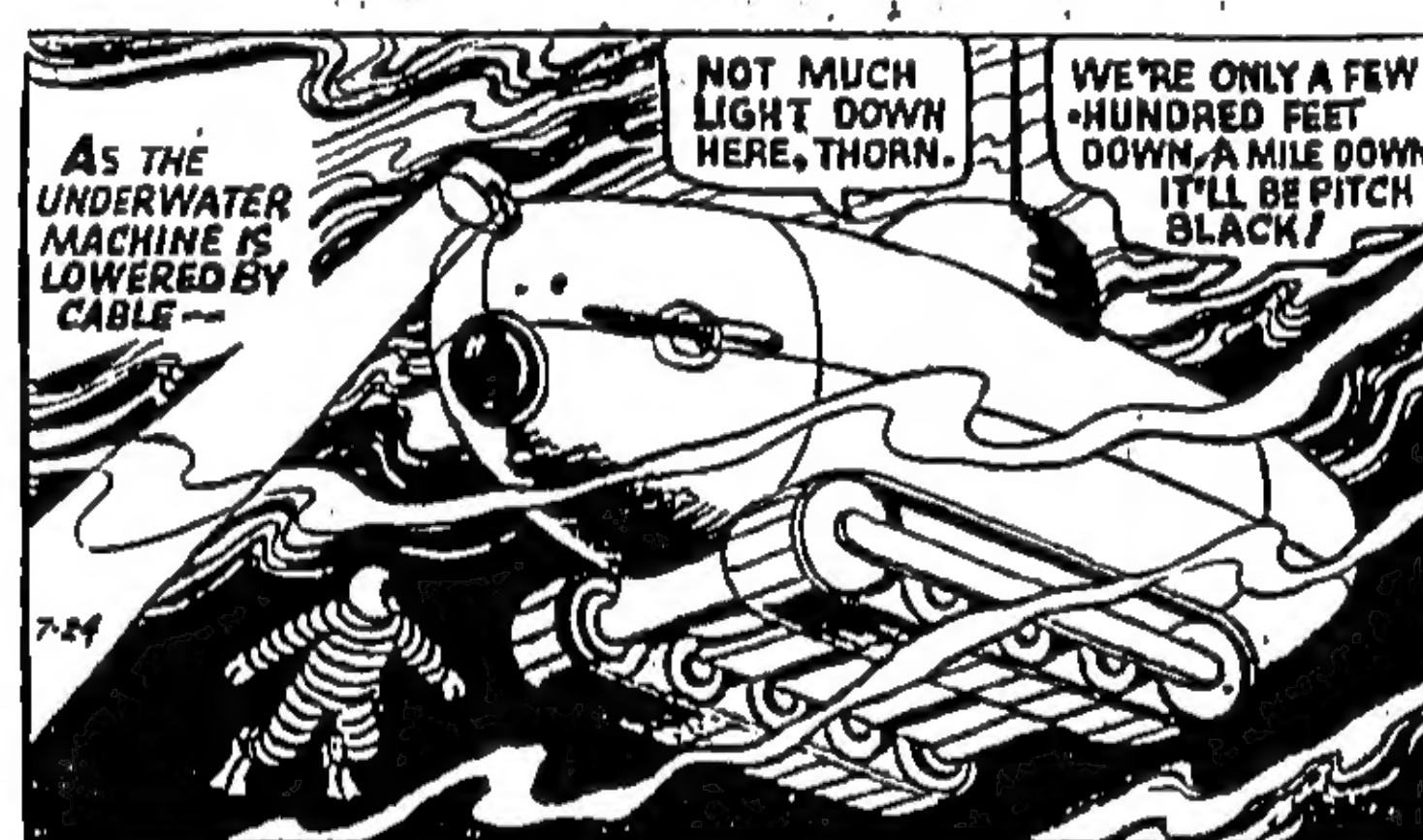
Agents of Communism also  
are active in the little kingdoms  
of Cambodia and Laos.

expanded United States military  
aid, is steadily strengthening her  
defences.

In the Bangkok meeting, the  
British are expected to quickly  
see eye to eye with the United  
States on most cardinal points,  
for they have a big and im-  
portant direct interest that must  
be protected—Malaya.

Over-all, it looks like the  
Bangkok conference, in prepar-  
ing its military defence blue-  
print, has plenty of hot, or  
potential hot spots, to cover—  
and at the top are South Viet-  
nam and Thailand.

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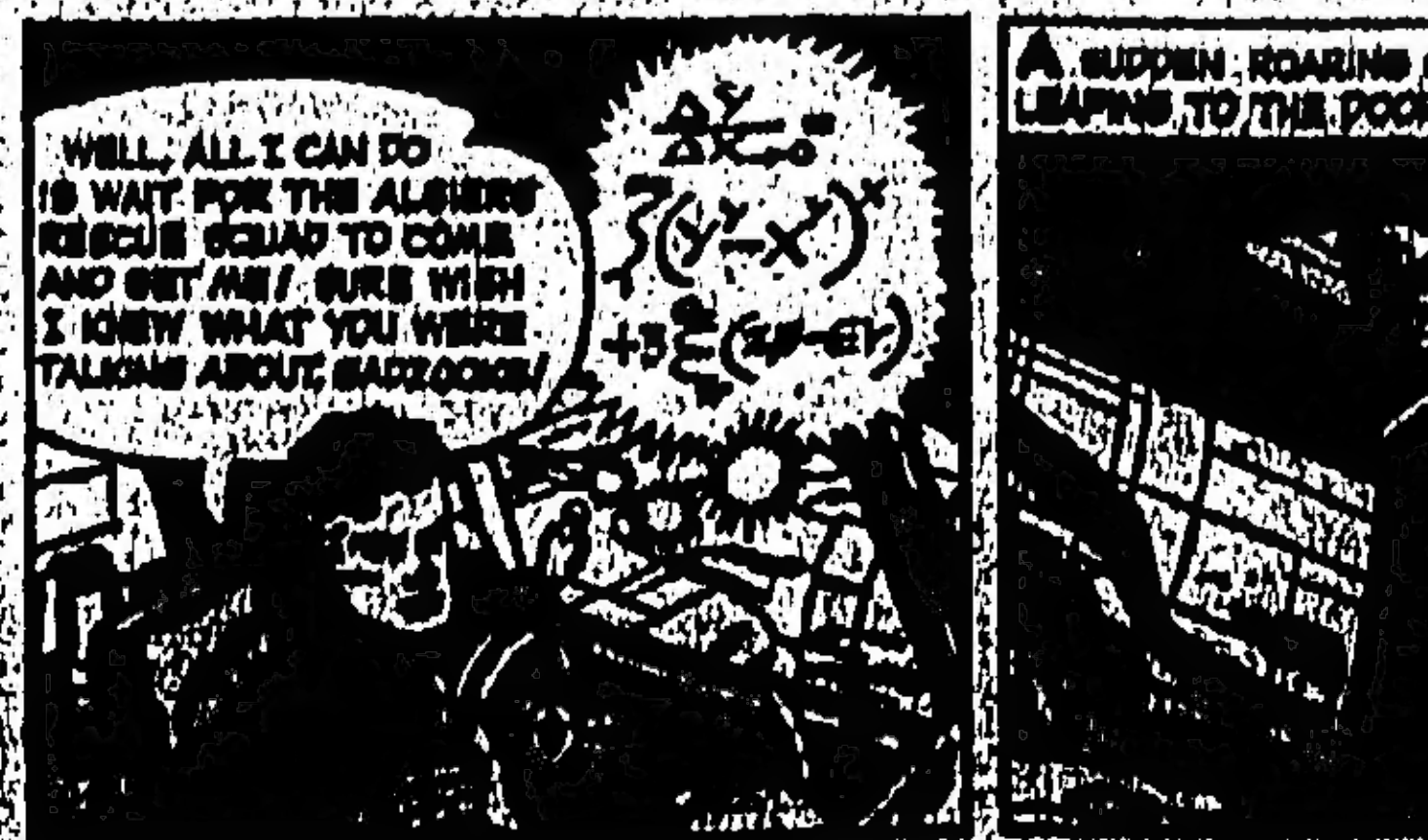
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# Kiwi Nudist Colonies

## UNDISCLOSED SITES IN COUNTRY

Auckland, Feb. 21.

New Zealanders have been surprised to learn  
that they have about 20 nudist clubs scattered  
about the country at undisclosed sites.

A statement issued at the nudists' third  
national rally, held in the bush-clad Waitakere  
Ranges, near Auckland, says that New Zealand  
has a total of 300 "registered" nudists.

Membership of the clubs  
ranges from a few people to 30  
or more.

## PRESS INVITED

The national rally was  
open to the Press for the  
first time, but reporters  
were not asked to remove  
their clothes.

The nudists' statement,  
answering the why's and where-  
fore's says that clubs do all  
they can to exclude from mem-  
bership "Peeping Toms" and  
others whose motives might be  
questionable.

Auckland has three nudist  
clubs—Kaurimu, which is pro-  
prietary, and the Auckland  
Outdoor Health Club and the  
Auckland Sun Club, both of  
which are run by members' committees.

Prospective members of these  
clubs fill in an application form.  
They then meet members of the  
club committee usually over a  
cup of coffee at a member's home.  
Women members entertain  
women applicants.

Only those who are acceptable  
to the committee are taken out  
to the club site and invited to  
become members.

Explaining what nudists do  
and why they exist, the state-  
ment says: "Nudists do very  
much what everyone else does  
on holiday, except that they do  
it in the nude."

## A MYTH

The nudists say that it is  
a "myth" that only people  
with good figures become  
nudists.

"Like everyone else, they  
come in all sizes," they say.  
"There are small ones, tall ones,  
thin ones and fat ones, ones with  
good figures and ones with hard-  
ly any figure at all."—China  
Mail Special.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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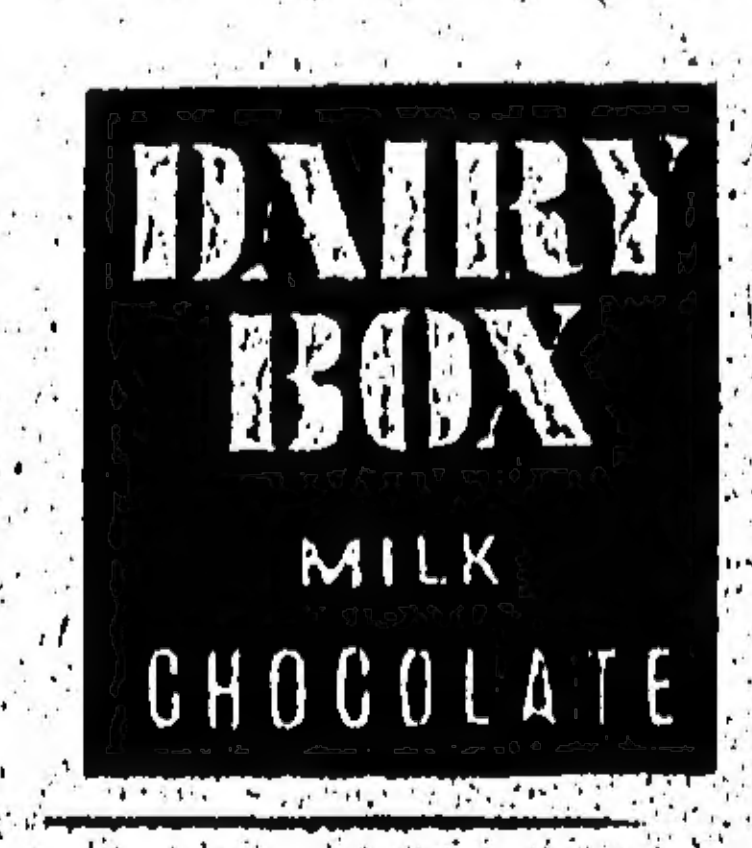
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

By Air  
Korea, 8 p.m.  
India-China, 8 p.m.  
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, U.S.A.  
& Canada, 6 p.m.  
By Surface  
Indonesia, 6 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23  
By Air  
India-China, 8 a.m.  
Thailand, 6 a.m.  
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Aus-  
tralia, New Zealand, Ceylon &  
Mauritius, 6 p.m.  
Japan, 8 p.m.  
Switzerland, 11 a.m.  
Denmark, Norway,  
Sweden, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, 6 p.m.  
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.  
Macao, 9 a.m.  
Thailand, 11 a.m.  
Philippines, 11 a.m.  
Malaya, Aden, Middle East, Great  
Britain & Europe, 11 a.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

## Radio Hongkong

6.15 p.m. Time Signal and Programme  
Summary: 6.30 p.m. Bandwidth  
Band of the Irish Guards (BBC);  
6.30 p.m. "First Hearing" presented by  
Hugh Sullivan (BBC); 7.00 p.m.  
Weather Report; 7.15 p.m. Time Signal  
and Programme Summary; 7.30 p.m.  
World News (London Relay); 7.50 p.m.  
Commentary (London Relay); 8.00 p.m.  
Special Announcements; 8.15 p.m. British  
Songs—Glasgow Phoenix Choir  
(BBC); 8.30 p.m. "Favourite Melodies"  
(London Relay); 8.45 p.m. La Dami-Heure  
Francophone; Presentation de M. Castel  
Jerry King (London Relay); 9.00 p.m.  
"Dinner in Rio" A Programme of  
Latin-American Music played by  
Pala Lemos and his Orchestra, 9.15 p.m.  
Time Signal, Music of the Twentieth  
Century Players (Ernest Bloch)  
Simphonette (Lace Janssen); 9.30 p.m.  
"The Kinship Fairbridge Story"  
Written by Aidan Phillips, produced  
by John Lacey (BBC); 10.00 p.m.  
Highlights from "Patience" (Gilbert  
and Sullivan); 10.30 p.m. The Ballet  
"The Sleeping Beauty" (Wigan  
Boys) Sadlers Wells Opera Cond.  
Constant Lambert; 10.50 p.m. Weather  
Report; 11.00 p.m. Sign of the Cross  
Reel (Recorded London Relay);  
11.15 p.m. Goodnight Music: God Save  
The Queen; 11.30 p.m. Close Down.









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JOHN CLARKE'S  
CASEBOOK

## LIFE BEGINS AT...

SOME hold that life for a man begins at 40. In a sense it did so for Sidney. A month or two after his fortieth birthday one sort of life began for him—and another ended.

Until that year he had been for most of his working life a chauffeur. One of the elect in his trade, for he possessed recommendations and certificates of proficiency which ranked as high in the world of chauffeurs as top university awards and degrees in the learned professions.

Then, at 40, Sidney turned criminal. What passed through his mind was that work—the change in him we do not know.

THREE YEARS  
BUT he turned to crime, and within a few years, had established such a record that when he was caught and found guilty of receiving a stolen car, he was sent to prison for three years.

A 12-month sentence followed quickly on his release, and he was not long out of prison after that before he went down again, for another three years.

Last April, Sidney was set free once more, and now he seemed to have turned a new leaf. He found himself a series of jobs, for no sooner had he settled down in one than his prison past caught up with him and he was fired.

COINCIDENCE  
SIDNEY's last job was in the North of England, and it ended in the same way as all the others. Wearily, he headed his way to London, and thumbed his way to London. He arrived there in the early hours of the other morning, a pale man, 55 now, with a bald head that looked as though it had been polished, and a fringe of white hair hanging about his neck.

Almslily, Sidney mooched about the early-morning empty streets of Victoria. In one, he saw a car parked. Sidney glanced inside. A hot seat lay on a back-seat. Sidney tried the car's door, which miraculously opened. He reached for the hold-all, and at that moment a police-inspector, on his way home after night-duty, rounded a corner a few yards away.

UNDERSTATEMENT  
AT Marlborough Street, Sidney pleaded guilty to stealing the car, and a detective went into the witness-box to tell the story of his arrest to Mr Paul Bennett, VC. "This man tells me," the officer says, "that he realises now how he has wasted his opportunities. I think he realises that he is not as young as he was, and..." "Perhaps he has also heard of preventive detention," the magistrate said dryly. "Had he any money when he was arrested?" "He had 68. 9d., sir. I know he's been very short of money—which is a masterpiece of understatement, if I may say so."

SYMPATHY?  
THERE seems to be a spark of sympathy in you for this man," the magistrate said. "I don't criticise it, but..." "Well, he's underfed, sir," the officer said, "and he was telling me, this morning, about how he felt."

Ship Aground:  
Sinking Fast  
The Chinese cargo ship, the Eddie, ran aground off the town of Manila, Leyte Province, yesterday morning and was sinking fast, the Philippine News Service reported last night. The vessel, loaded with logs, was on its way to nearby Surigao Province, also in Visayas, to take on additional cargo when she ran aground. The 2,050-ton Eddie was owned by the Lien Xin Steamship Company of Taipei. She was formerly the Winona, built in 1904.—France Press.

## Remote Control Steering Innovation For Ark Royal

London, Feb. 21.  
The 36,800-ton Ark Royal, Britain's most modern aircraft carrier, will steer by remote control through areas contaminated by atomic or hydrogen bombs, it was disclosed today. The disclosure was made by Captain D. R. F. Cambell, the carrier's commanding officer. During an inspection of the vessel by reporters at Birkenhead.

## Malenkov Relegated At Theatre

Moscow, Feb. 21.  
Mr Georgi Malenkov, who resigned recently as Russia's Prime Minister, tonight attended a gala performance at the Bolshoi Theatre with leaders of the Soviet Government, but was not seated in the front row of the official box. Mr Malenkov, now Minister of Power Stations and a Deputy Premier, had a seat at one side of the box close to the curtains which screened it.

The front row was occupied by Mr Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the new Prime Minister, Mr Lazar Kaganovich, First Deputy Premier, and Mr Anastas Mikoyan and Mr Mikhail Pervukhin, two Deputy Premiers.

Others in the box included the Foreign Minister, Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, who sat behind Mr Kaganovich. They watched a concert given by Byelo-Russian artists, ending in a ten-day Russian festival. The Government leaders all wore smart dark suits.

A large group of foreign diplomats saw the concert from a box opposite that of the Government heads. It included the British Ambassador, Sir William Hayter, and the American Ambassador, Mr Charles Bohlen.—Reuter.

## May-Hutton Partnership

Sydney, Feb. 22.  
The MCC, 26 without loss overnight in a bid to make 315 in 54 hours to win, had made 125 for the loss of three wickets at lunch on the fourth and last day of the match against New South Wales.

The MCC's hopes are now pinned on the unbroken Hutton-May partnership, with the issue still very open. The tourists still require 190 runs with seven wickets standing. At the adjournment Hutton was 33 not out, May 30 not out. Richie Bennett, turning both ways, took two of the three wickets that fell this morning—Simpson caught by Davidson for 24 and Gravely leg-before for 28. Davidson took the other wicket, bowling Wilson for four. Hutton was described as batting very well. "Pretty well in top form," was one description of his display by a commentator. But May was "not impressive" and often seemed to be in trouble, particularly against Bennett.

Cowdrey, another MCC stalwart, was said not to be feeling too well. He was reported to have had a slight temperature last night.—Reuter.

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## WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

All American and British naval vessels in port were dressed overall today in celebration of the birthday anniversary of George Washington. At noon the American repair ship Hector, moored at Admiralty buoy No. 2, fired a 21-gun salute.

## EARTH TREMOR

Adams, Feb. 21.  
A strong south tremor killed one man and injured several others tonight at Volcan, 100 miles northwest of Valparaiso. The quake, which disrupted power lines, brought people rushing from their homes. Damage was limited to crumbling walls.—France Press.



## MRS BLACK LEAVES FOR THE UK

Mrs R. B. Black, wife of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, who left the Colony by air today for Bombay en route to the United Kingdom, was seen off at Queen's Pier by many friends and well-wishers this morning. Mrs Black shook hands all round before boarding the Governor's launch, Lady Maunier, for Kai Tak. She was accompanied on the launch by Mr Black. At the airport to receive Mrs Black were Mr Peter Mahta, District Manager of Air India and one of the line's air hostesses, Miss Hutton, who presented her with a bouquet with wishes for a "bon voyage". The flight, which left at 9 a.m., will stopover at Bangkok. Picture above, by staff photographer, shows Mrs Black waving farewell at Queen's Pier.

## Japan Hit By Fierce 90 mph Storm

Tokyo, Feb. 22.  
A giant storm with winds up to 90 miles per hour swept through the Japanese islands yesterday and took at least 16 lives before it sped out into the Sea of Okhotsk, north of Japan. The Police said late yesterday that 12 persons perished in the storms, gales and blizzards. The Coast Guard reported six other persons lost at sea.

Some 180 persons are still missing in the howling gale which erupted suddenly out of the East China Sea on Sunday and lashed Formosa, Okinawa, Korea and Japan.

The Japanese Coast Guard said that five vessels were sunk, 19 were grounded, 17 were damaged and hundreds of small boats were wrecked or beached. Twenty-four vessels were still missing.

More than 300 Japanese Coast Guard patrol boats were scouring wide areas in search of the missing vessels.

Damage to Japan was widespread with raging blizzards disrupting communications in many areas. Schools in several prefectures were closed and several freight and passenger trains were stranded in snow banks.

Heavy snow blanketed much of Japan's northern areas. Inhabitants of Tsuetsugu in Fukui Prefecture were digging out of the heaviest snowfall in 50 years.

A 2,500-foot wide landslide tumbled down near Otsuki Village in Niigata Prefecture but there was no immediate report of casualties.

Two Japanese fishing vessels set out and being escorted by the Republic of Korea Coast Guard for trespassing the "Rhee Fishery Line" disappeared when the storm lifted. The two vessels carried a crew of 23 and eight ROK Coast Guardsmen.

Some big waves were reported to be out of danger. In "semi-tropical" Formosa the thermometer dipped to the freezing point, and ice gales ripped communications and sank 14 fishing boats.—United Press.

Daylight Robbery  
Four unnamed robbers man-handled a Chinese pedestrian in Cornwell Street, Kowloon, at 6.30 this morning, and robbed him of \$180. The robbers escaped in a private car.

## Death Of Dr John Lanchester

News of the death of Dr John Lanchester in London on February 11 was received by letter this morning.

Dr Lanchester, who spent a number of years practising dental surgery in Hongkong, both on his own and for the Government, passed away at his home, 8 Sutton Lane, London, W.4, at the age of 68.

The late Dr Lanchester came to Hongkong from Rhodesia in 1934 and established a practice in Kowloon. About a year before the outbreak of the Pacific War he joined Government as Dental Surgeon.

During the war he was interned at Stanley with his wife, Dora. They will be remembered by other internees for their spirit of camaraderie and unstinting help—the doctor with his skill in dentistry and his wife for supplies of laundry etc.

After Liberation, Dr Lanchester and his wife went to Australia and then to England. They returned to Hongkong and his Government post until he retired in 1950.

He is survived by his wife, and a son "Billy" in Singapore.

## Fire Destroys Two Huts

Two recently erected huts at the 7 1/2 mile station, Tam Wan, were burnt down this morning in a small fire.

The huts were quickly put out by firemen from the Tam Wan Village Station. There were no casualties, but four families, who were moved from their old huts when the main road was widened, are now homeless.

## CHARTERED BANK CASE: WITNESS NOT APPEARING

The £10,850 suit brought against the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China by J. M. Shashoua (Hongkong) Ltd., of Gloucester Building, was adjourned for a day this morning by Mr Justice C. W. Reece after it was disclosed that the plaintiffs' principal witness would not be coming to Hongkong to give evidence.

Hearing of the case was adjourned from November 9 until yesterday because the same witness, Mr Bowman, was unable to leave England at the time.

This morning Mr John Clifford (instructed by Messrs Lo and Lo) Counsel for the plaintiffs applied to have Mr Bowman's evidence taken on commission because he was definitely not coming to Hongkong.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, who with Mr Leslie Wright (instructed by Mr R. A. Wadson of Messrs Deacons) appeared for the Chartered Bank, opposed the application.

The plaintiffs claim that the Bank made a full payment on a shipment of cotton from Persia before the goods arrived instead of withholding ten per cent which the plaintiffs instructed them to do to protect themselves against the goods being under quality.

The plaintiffs allege negligence in respect of payment by the defendant Bank of two bills of exchange in September drawn, respectively, under two letters of credit opened by the Bank at the request of the plaintiffs.

The sum claimed represented ten per cent of the two bills, plaintiffs alleging that the Bank paid the full value of the letters of credit to the sellers, M. K. Malek and Bros. of Teheran, without their consent and without retaining ten per cent as stipulated. Alternatively, plaintiffs claimed damages for breach of the two contracts contained in two applications by the plaintiffs to the Bank for opening the two letters of credit.

STICKING TO RIGHTS  
Mr Clifford told the Court that Mr Bowman was in business in London. Although he had previously said he would be coming on the 21st, he had been advised that he would give evidence on commission and so was sticking to his rights and was not coming to Hongkong. The plaintiffs had called him urgently explaining the position, but Mr Bowman was not willing to come to Hongkong.

There was nothing the plaintiffs could do but to apply for the evidence to be taken on commission. They could not subpoena the witness, said Counsel.

He suggested that the Court hear some formal witnesses first and then grant him an adjournment for Mr Bowman's evidence to be taken.

Mr Justice Reece pointed out that evidence on commission would take several months by which time he would not be in the Colony, as he was going on leave on April 19. There was no provision for one Judge taking over a civil case from another and it was important that the Judge should hear the witnesses and form his own impression of their evidence.

Mr Clifford suggested an adjournment until Mr Justice Reece returned.

JUDGE'S PROPOSAL  
The Judge declared that that would mean almost a year. In fairness to the parties Counsel should adjourn and consult with one another to see how the case could be best disposed of in the shortest time possible. It was pointless to continue at the present stage, he added.

Mr d'Almada said he had instructions to oppose Mr Clifford's application. Such a step was unprecedented. After the case had been opened Mr Clifford applied to the Court to adjourn it indefinitely to take evidence on commission because his witness, who should have come, was not coming.

"We want to go into it fully and not in a slap-dash manner. I want to be heard in objection," said Mr d'Almada asking for time to study the cables which Mr Clifford read and to which Mr Clifford read and to "arm" himself with authorities against granting such an application.

Mr Justice Reece granted an adjournment until 10 a.m. tomorrow for Mr Clifford to consult the Registrar and the other side regarding evidence on commission, and for Mr d'Almada to prepare his objections.

Second "A" Test  
Las Vegas, Feb. 21.  
The second test explosion in the present series of US atomic experiments is fixed for tomorrow morning at the Nevada Test Ground, a spokesman for the National Commission on Atomic Energy said tonight.

## Allegation Of Assault By Police

An allegation that the second accused had been assaulted by the Police after he was arrested, was made before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Criminal Sessions this morning when the trial of three young men charged with the murder of Police Constable Lui Shing continued this morning.

The accused are Yum Kwong-pak, alias Ah Kwong, 20, Ho Kwong-tang, alias Ah Tang, 24, and Yum Pak, 20 alias Lan To-yee. They are alleged to have murdered Police Constable Lui Shing at Kowloon on December 6, last year. It is also alleged by the Crown that they were members of a society known as "14 K".

The first accused is represented by Mr Perry Chen, instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, second accused by Mr Loo Wing-kam, instructed by Messrs Hastings and Co., and third accused by Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. C. J. Askew, are prosecuting.

CROSS-EXAMINATION  
Dr T. M. Teoh, Police surgeon, who gave evidence yesterday, was cross-examined by Mr Leong. He said that he had refused to be examined by him because he had earlier explained to the accused that he (accused) could refuse to be medically examined.

Asked if he was an expert in Forensic medicine, witness replied he was a Police surgeon. Asked further, he said that he was sufficiently qualified to carry out blood tests, although he was not sufficiently qualified as an expert.

Asked how he would conduct a Precipitant test, he said he would take some of the blood to be tested and dilute it with saline. He would then add a solution of anti-human serum and let the tube stand for about ten minutes. He would then find a layer of white precipitant at the junction of the two solutions.

After asking further questions on medicine, Mr Leong said, "I put it to you that the manner in which you described to me of testing blood falls short of that of an expert. Do you agree with me?" Dr Teoh replied he did not think so.

DPC Yuen Pui-kwan, attached to Hung Hom Police Station, said he had remained in the Police Station for only two to three minutes. He said he was not present when Lau and Cheung were making enquiries. He said he did not see second accused had fainted in the Station.

BEATEN UP QUESTION  
Mr Loo: Did you see the second accused being beaten up by a few Police officers? I did not.

Did you see Cheung Wing-kam slipping him on the face? I did not.

Just because you stayed there for about two to three minutes?—Yes.

Re-examining witness, Mr Blair-Kerr asked if witness had any reason to believe that any Police officer in the Police Station had threatened or ill-used second accused in any way. Witness replied he had no reason to believe that second accused was ill-used or threatened.

Hearing is continuing.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Here comes Mrs. Jones with some hot soup—when she finds out Dr. Brown only called today to borrow her camera, she'll be disappointed!"